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Ex-Premier of France ends two-day mystery visit

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Former French Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas ended his two-day mystery visit to Israel yesterday, saying once again at Ben-Gurion airport that it had been a "private" visit. But highly placed sources seemed to expect an official announcement soon of a French government invitation to Premier Chaban-Delmas to visit France.

Chaban-Delmas, who spent an hour and a half with Begin in the prime minister's office on Friday, said he had discussed the main purpose of his visit, which was to discuss the situation in the Middle East. He said only that he was leaving with a clear and full picture of Israel's position on the Middle East conflict.

An official statement issued in Jerusalem said that Begin and Chaban-Delmas had discussed the least sensitive and bilateral relations between France and Israel.

Chaban-Delmas, who served as prime minister under Gaullist President Georges Pompidou, is said to be on point of a political comeback, having recently improved his relations with President Giscard d'Estaing. Some French pundits even he would be named Premier in the Gaullist and their allies' left the Leftist challenge in next year's elections.



Former French Premier Chaban-Delmas leaving Israel yesterday. He is escorted (right) by Ehud Ben-Eliash, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office. (JFPA)

Firing mars border ceasefire

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Christian militias and Palestinian fighters resumed firing on the border area over the weekend, marring the ceasefire. Reports from the area stressed that there was indication that the ceasefire would trigger a return to 10-month violence which was ended a fortnight ago.

The weekend exchange of fire centered on the Bekaa valley, where terrorists were to evacuate in preparation for the formal takeover of Lebanese government troops in the border region. The terrorist advance had been dictated by a peace agreement reached between the Lebanese authorities and the Palestine Liberation Organization, reportedly with the consent of both Syria and Israel.

An IDF spokesman yesterday denied terrorist claims that Israeli forces took part in the weekend fighting. There was nothing of the sort, he said, in reaction to reports from Beirut that Israeli army

had fired on Syrian positions. Earlier reports from the southern port city of Sidon said that some terrorist units have indeed begun pulling back from some unspecified positions.

Earlier reports from Beirut said that the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, has agreed to withdraw all but 250 of his fighters from southern Lebanon to facilitate the Lebanese Army takeover. The radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which heads the "rejection front," said that its extremist camp would resist pullback orders.

In Beirut, the Lebanese Army has readied 1,470-man force to enter the south, official sources reported yesterday.

The regular army force has already moved into positions in the eastern Lebanese province of Bekaa, near the southern areas where buffer zones are to be set up between the combatants, the sources said.

The newly-formed force held exercises in an undisclosed Bekaa area on Friday. Local newspapers carried photographs yesterday of the force's armored cars shooting at hilltop targets with the commander-in-

chief, Brigadier-General Victor Khoury, watching through fieldglasses.

The sources said Christian Major Adib Sa'ad was named commander of the southern 100-kilometer frontier area with Israel. The unit includes both Muslims and Christians.

The Lebanese army disintegrated during the nation's civil war, which was halted elsewhere in Lebanon 11 months ago by a Syrian-dominated Arab League peace-keeping force of 30,000 men.

The peace-keepers kept out of a 15-kilometer border strip in the south because Israel warned it would not tolerate their presence there.

Israel supported Christian militias in driving Arafat's terrorists away from several hilltop positions in South Lebanon and preventing them from resuming cross-border raids on Jewish settlements.

The U.S. helped negotiate a ceasefire under which Israel pulled its army out of southern Lebanese areas on September 28.

The ceasefire was broken for up to three hours last Wednesday. Since then, there have been conflicting reports about artillery duels across the border between Palestinians and Israelis.

Top U.S. aide: hope for Geneva in December

NEW YORK. — The Arabs and Israel are in general agreement to try to reconvene the Geneva Peace Conference by December, a high-level U.S. Administration official said Friday night.

The timing has the support of the U.S. and the Soviet Union, the co-chairmen of the peace talks, but there is still "no guarantee" the unofficial deadline will be met, he said.

Reflecting on recent intensive negotiating efforts, the official, who insisted that he not be identified, said "things are moving upward," although Syria is more pessimistic than the others about a settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

One of the key issues still to be resolved, newsmen were told, is Palestinian representation. The U.S. official said the Soviet Union was trying to persuade the Palestine Liberation Organization to accept the UN Security Council resolutions regarding Israel's rights to exist. The PLO, he said, cannot be invited to Geneva until it accepts the 1947 and 1973 resolutions.

Israel, meanwhile, was credited with "flexibility" in recognizing there should be a "Palestinian voice" at the talks.

The tentative U.S.-Israeli "working paper" provides for Palestinians to be included in an all-Arab "working group" to negotiate over their future in the Middle East, diplomatic sources have said.

At the same time, there would be individual working groups for Israel to negotiate peace terms and borders separately with its neighbors, Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, they were said.

The procedure has not yet been officially approved by all the governments.

Israel would probably accept some but not all the details in it, the senior official said.

U.S. officials said the Israeli position might slow progress towards new talks in Geneva, but the U.S. was sticking to its target date of December to reconvene the talks.

The official, who asked not to be identified, would not comment on specific areas which the Israeli cabinet might object to.

After the Israeli cabinet comes a decision on the proposals would be submitted formally to Arab nations for their reactions after which further talks are planned to iron out differences.

The senior official said envoys may travel to Washington over the next few weeks, but he would not predict when these talks would be concluded. (AP, Reuters)

Our diplomatic correspondent adds: In Jerusalem last night, the Foreign Ministry spokesman denied that Israel had agreed to a plan whereby the U.S. and the Soviets would alternate as chairs of the Geneva working groups. The plan had been published in yesterday's "New York Times," which attributed it to a senior State Department official.

Israel, the Foreign Ministry spokesman noted, had proposed to President Carter that the bilateral working groups at Geneva be chaired alternately by Israeli and Arab delegates. No alternative proposal had been put forward, the spokesman said. Israel could not support the plan published in the "New York Times."

Observers noted that in December, 1973-January 1974 Israel was reluctant to accept Soviet participation in the "military working group" which had been set up by Israel and Egypt in an engagement agreement. In the event, all parties finally agreed to UN chairmanship.

Arabs accept US-Israel paper 'in principle'

Post-Mideast Affairs Editor

Reports from Cairo, Damascus, and Amman indicate that the three Arab capitals have accepted "in principle" the Geneva working paper drafted last week by Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and the U.S. Administration. The Chief of the Jordanian Royal Court, meanwhile, indicated over the week-end that the three countries may soon call a summit meeting — possibly to be attended by Lebanon also — to formulate their position on the paper. Each country has indicated that it has reservations about certain aspects of the paper and would seek revisions.

The Israel cabinet is scheduled to meet on Tuesday to endorse the working paper, which calls for negotiations at Geneva with a united Arab delegation that would then split into bilateral groups, involving Israel and one Arab party, and multilateral groups, involving Israel and several Arab parties.

The bilateral groups would discuss peace treaties between Israel and each of the neighboring states; while the multilateral groups would tackle specific issues, such as the future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, and compensation for the Palestinians and Jews who fled their homes as a result of the 1948 war. The latter negotiating groups would include Palestinian representatives who are not known members of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The Jordanian Royal Court Chief, Sheriff Abdul-Hamid Sharaf, said that intensive high-level consultations were expected to be held soon to work out a concrete Arab stand on the U.S.-Israel working paper. Sharaf made the remark on his return home from a visit to the U.S., during which he conferred with President Jimmy Carter and

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

The senior Jordanian diplomat made clear that his own government favors negotiations in a united delegation which would split into multilateral rather than into bilateral teams — unless the Arab heads of state amended a 1974 Rabat summit decision which replaced Jordan with the PLO as spokesman for the West Bank.

Sharaf said that the nature of Palestinian representation would be a subject of consultation among Arab leaders.

Other topics of discussion were expected to include the Geneva agenda. The Arabs have so far considered their conflict with Israel to focus on two issues: Israel's pullback to the pre-1967 frontiers, and the establishment of a Palestinian homeland in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The working paper, however, would appear to indicate that the negotiating teams would rather deal with the components of full-fledged peace treaties and the establishment of political and security borders between Israel and the Arabs. Indications were that the Palestinian question would be held over for a later stage, to be settled jointly between Israel and her neighbors.

But judging from statements made in neighboring capitals, the Arabs appear to be pushing the Palestinian issue — including the future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip — toward the top of the Geneva agenda, thus hinting that they might press for advancing the multilateral negotiations over the bilateral ones.

Cairo's semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" nevertheless yesterday quoted Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy as saying that Egypt has agreed in principle to the working paper, already recommended to the Cabinet by Foreign Minister Dayan.

"Al-Ahram" reported that Fahmy, who left New York for home last night, had said that most of the obstacles blocking the reactivation

of the Geneva peace conference were being eliminated. According to the newspaper, he also said that the U.S. and the Soviet Union were expected shortly to extend invitations to a reconvened conference in December, the month they set for the resumption of peace talks.

In Syria, President Hafez Assad said that Carter's efforts toward a Middle East peace were more serious than previous American attempts, stressing, however, that only a miracle would avert a new Israel-Arab war.

In an interview with Beirut's "An-Nahar" newspaper supplement published in Paris, Assad, said: "I do not want to negate the chances of peace altogether. But I still say that if we do not go to war, it will be a miracle."

Assad made these other points:

- Syria has asked the U.S. and the Soviet Union for explanations on some aspects of their recent Middle East policy statement — which acknowledged the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" and their participation in Geneva, but made no mention of Arab demands for total Israeli withdrawal from territories the Arabs lost in 1967, nor of the Palestinian "national" rights.
- Syria "prefers" that the U.N. Security Council exchanges Resolution 242, which has been governing Middle East peace talks, for a new resolution clearly guaranteeing "the national rights of the Palestinian people" before going to Geneva.
- The question of setting up a federal union between Syria and Jordan is still under consideration by the two countries.

Meanwhile, in Beirut, the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) yesterday threatened violence against any Arab or Palestinian leader that recognized Israel. Any move toward recognizing Israel "would negate our right for a democratic state in Palestine," said PFLP spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif.

PLEDGES STRONG SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL Carter hails U.S.-Soviet accord

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Seeking to allay the concerns of the many pro-Israel members of the Democratic National Committee, President Jimmy Carter has declared that "the key element" of America's policy in the Middle East is continued strong support for Israel.

In remarks before the DNC leadership on Friday, the President also defended the recently signed U.S.-Soviet statement on the Middle East, hailing it as "an achievement of unprecedented significance."

And Carter predicted that current U.S. efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict "will ultimately be successful."

Following publication of the U.S.-Soviet statement, which recognized the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," the President was struck by a tremendous outcry from Israeli supporters throughout the U.S., including many leaders of the Democratic Party, who feared that it represented a weakening of support for Israel. Carter obviously was interested in easing those concerns on Friday.

The key element in American policy in the Middle East, in negotiations that are going on literally day and night now, and which will be a crucial element when we go to Geneva, is the strength, independence, freedom, and peace of the people of Israel."

He said that the issue was "probably the most complex international question that has ever been addressed in a comprehensive way. There is a crucial interest among many hundreds of thousands of Americans in the outcome of the negotiations" — an apparent reference to the American Jewish community.

The President then explained, for the first time publicly, why his administration decided to issue the

controversial joint statement with Russia.

"The Soviet Union, since 1973, has been a co-chairman with us in Geneva. In the past, their attitude has been one of disruption and the creation of unnecessary obstacles," he said.

"Recently, they have become much more moderate in their positions," Carter continued. "It is an achievement of unprecedented significance that we were able recently to sign a statement with the Soviet Union where they recognized Israel's right to exist, although they still do not have diplomatic relations (with Israel). They did not insist upon an independent Palestinian state. They did not insist upon complete withdrawal of Israel from the territories acquired in 1967. They took a moderate attitude."

Carter added: "This statement is a simple declaration to the world that we are sincere in bringing about a successful conclusion of the Geneva Conference. It broke down immediately in October of 1973. We don't want that to happen again."

(The President erred in saying October. The first Geneva Conference was held in December 1973.)

"This statement between us and the Soviet Union is not a prerequisite for the Arab or Israeli governments to adopt in its entirety before they go to Geneva," he said. "Neither the Arabs nor the Israelis like every part of it, but it is a good step forward."

"I can tell you that the leaders of the nations involved with whom I have held long, tedious, complete discussions now have a constructive attitude toward Middle Eastern peace and I believe that we will ultimately be successful."

This justification of the joint statement was similar to what Carter told Jewish Congressmen during a private meeting on Thursday.

The President also told the Democratic Party leaders that the U.S. is "treating fairly all parties" in the Middle East. "There is no way that I can act as a trusted negotiator — not just an idle bystander, but the leader of a nation that has crucial interest in the Middle East — unless I have the complete confidence of the leaders of the nations involved in the upcoming Geneva Conference."

Carter said that he must be fair "and I will be fair. I will never tell one leader one thing and a different leader something else. And so far we have made substantial progress."

The President noted that "there is now evolving with a growing trust in our character and goodwill and fairness and truthfulness, a much more flexible and accommodating attitude on the part of all nations."

Meanwhile, Vice-President Walter Mondale met with California Democratic Party leaders on Friday in an effort to drum up support for a forthcoming Carter fund-raising event in Los Angeles. Jewish members of the Democratic Party there have been uneasy with Carter's recent pronouncements and interest in the fund-raising affair was dwindling.

California Governor Jerry Brown acknowledged in a radio interview yesterday that Jews in California were concerned.

The Associated Press adds from New York: A high-level official has acknowledged that the Carter Administration inadequately consulted Israel's Congressional backers before joining with the Soviet Union in the declaration supporting "legitimate rights" of Palestinians.

The official, who asked that his name be withheld, said: "The lesson that one learns from it is that to the maximum extent that you possibly can, you should discuss this in advance with as many people as possible."

Anti-Soviet protest in East Berlin

BERLIN (UPI). — More than 1,000 anti-Soviet demonstrators gathered in East Berlin on Friday night after a rally marking the 28th anniversary of the founding of the East German state.

A West Berlin newspaper "nd" reported yesterday it was by a witness that the outburst of violence took place on East Berlin's downtown Alexanderplatz in the wake of drinking parades celebrating the 28th "birthday" of the state.

The "nd" said that East German

authorities used massive police forces to disperse the shouting and screaming groups of youthful demonstrators from Alexander Square.

Other demonstrators were said to have shouted "Russians out," and smashed window-panes of buildings lining the square.

West Berlin customs police stationed along the demarcation line dividing the two halves of the former German capital said foreign visitors returning from East Berlin reported that scores of apparently drunk youngsters had been involved in the free-for-all with police.

U.S. dock strike won't delay arms

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — In a significant demonstration of support for Israel, the striking longshoremen's union has given permission to its members to load a ship carrying important U.S. military equipment bound for Israel.

The dock strike has crippled shipping in ports from Maine to Texas for a week, leading to the extraordinary Israeli request to make an exception for the military shipment.

The Israel Defense Ministry asked the Histadrut to use its good contacts with the International Longshoremen's Association to seek the waiver. As a result, Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel asked his North American representative, Ya'acov Cohen, to contact Thomas Gleason, president of the union.

Last Wednesday morning, Cohen and a representative of the Israel Defense Ministry purchasing mission in New York appeared before a special session of the striking committee to explain Israel's request. They pointed out that the military equipment was needed for Israel's national security. The committee decided that the shipment was sufficiently important to warrant the exception.

The exact nature of the shipment was not released to the press.

Settlement understanding

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter has privately indicated that he and Prime Minister Begin have worked out mutually acceptable "understanding" on the question of new Israeli settlements in the administered territories.

But the President complained that Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon's statements on this issue are not helpful.

Carter is reported to have made this remark during a meeting last Thursday with pro-Israel Congressmen, most of whom are Jewish.

The President, who did not go into any details on the "understanding," said Begin on the settlements, did praise both Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan for their flexibility in cooperating with the U.S. on ways to reconvene the Geneva Peace Conference.

Carter is reported to have made the point that the Likud-led government was demonstrating more flexibility than the former Labour-led coalition.

Vatican hits settlements

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — The Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano" said Friday that Jewish settlements in occupied Arab territories are an obstacle to peace in the Middle East.

"Objectively, the Israeli decisions (to found settlements in those territories) appear as false accomplices that hamper efforts to get Middle East peace negotiations moving," "Osservatore" said in a 3,000-word front page article.

What Brzezinski envisages for the Middle East 'Free flow' with Palestinian entity

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski has described his vision of a Palestinian "entity" on the West Bank as preferably being linked to Jordan, unarmed, wide-open, with a free flow of people and communication with Israel.

In a 45-minute telephone conversation with Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, executive vice-president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Brzezinski also said that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's willingness to allow Palestinian Arabs to participate in substantive negotiations at a reconvened Geneva conference, not merely at the opening ceremonial session, was an important step forward.

Brzezinski also explained that it was very important to find a way for the U.S. to work with the "moderate elements" in the PLO if serious progress in resolving the Palestinian question is to be made.

Brzezinski telephoned Glaser last Thursday morning after reading the rabbi's lengthy letter to him criticizing the Carter Administration's policy in the Middle East. Glaser

later provided details of the conversation to this reporter.

"I know full well that you are the chief architect of our foreign policy, although you have been maintaining a low profile," Glaser wrote. "I write to you, therefore, in the hope that I can successfully challenge the latest indication of our support for the Palestinian cause with its concomitant undermining of the security of the State of Israel."

During the conversation, Brzezinski denied that he was "the chief architect" of America's foreign policy. And he tried to reassure the rabbi that America was not turning its back on Israel.

The conversation was significant in that it reflected Brzezinski's sensitivity to the criticism from Israeli supporters that he may be "hitting" in favour of the Arab cause.

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Soviets name new Vice-President, pass new constitution into law

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Supreme Soviet of the country's parliament, unanimously voted a new national constitution into law on Friday and named 76-year-old Yelisey Kuznetsov as newly-created post of Soviet President.

A 1,517-member rubberstamp parliament took just 70 minutes to pass two speeches from President Leonid Brezhnev, breezing through a series of votes without a single nay vote.

Kuznetsov declared that the new constitution — which replaces the 1936 Stalin constitution — has been under preparation for 20 years — was not a "stage" but a guide to be applied to the daily life of the people.

Yelisey Kuznetsov, "the man who's almost everything," is now far second-in-command to Brezhnev.

The 76-year-old deputy Foreign Minister, one of the Soviet Union's experienced diplomatic

troubleshooters, took a master's degree from the Carnegie School of Mines in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, speaks fluent English and is described by Western diplomats as a "very competent, capable, experienced" man.

"He's done almost everything in his time," one observer said.

But Kuznetsov's name is a new one in top political circles. For the past 20 years he has worked in the shadow of Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko as his first deputy. Kuznetsov was elevated to the inner circle of Soviet leadership just this week, when he was made one of eight candidate members to the Communist Party's ruling 14-member Politburo.

Because of his age and his newness in top political circles, he is not viewed here as a possible heir to Brezhnev, who is almost 71 years old.

At 76 Kuznetsov does not wear the label of anyone's protégé. "Brezhnev gets a competent man to

take care of the lesser chores of the Presidency and no one can feel threatened by the appointment," one diplomat said.

In recent years Brezhnev has frequently been absent from public life for long vacations, or for other periods of time during which he was rumored to be ill.

Often in the past when the Soviet Union needed a versatile diplomat, a master of the soft answer to the hard question, it was Kuznetsov who was chosen.

In 1963, Kuznetsov helped wind down the Cuban missile crisis, being sent to New York by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev to work out details of dismantling the Soviet missile bases in Cuba.

In 1967, during the big power confrontation brought on by the Six Day War, in 1968 in Czechoslovakia after the Soviet invasion, and during the sensitive border talks with China in the early 1970s, it was Kuznetsov who presented the Soviet view.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Alignment chairman Shimon Peres met last night with the UJA's national women's division.

ARRIVALS

Wolf Blumenthal, at the head of 20-member Argentinean trade mission. The UJA Philadelphia mission.

Begin hopes to be out by Tuesday

Jerusalem Post Staff
Prime Minister Menachem Begin will be discharged from hospital "during the first half of the week," the Premier's doctors told his aides yesterday.
The aides hope the Premier will be able to preside at the Cabinet meeting scheduled for Tuesday.
Begin has been in Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital for nine days suffering from exhaustion and a pericardial inflammation. His spokesman Dan Patir said last night the doctors were "fully satisfied with the pace of his recovery."

Tourist killed in Arava car accident

A Swiss tourist was killed yesterday morning when the car in which he was travelling overturned near Kibbutz Yehel, about 65 km. north of Eilat. Two Swiss women passengers, one the wife of the dead man, were injured.
In an accident on the Arad-Beer Sheva road yesterday afternoon, 29-year-old Negba Diner was killed and his wife and son were seriously injured. The car they were driving in hit the soft shoulder of the road and overturned.
In another accident yesterday, Yosef Eliahu, 21, of Hadera, was killed when his car hit a roadside telephone installation on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway. A passenger was badly injured, but his life is not in danger.
An 89-year-old woman, Miriam David, of Tel Aviv, was found dead on the side of Rehov Salameh on Friday morning. Police believe she was struck by a hit-and-run driver. Eyewitnesses are requested to help police with their investigation. (Itim)

Mordechai Giladi, 94

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Dr. Mordechai Giladi, Tel Aviv's first psychiatrist and a veteran Revisionist activist, died here last night at the age of 94.
Born in Vilna, Giladi was engaged in Zionist activity before World War I, and arrived in Palestine in 1918. He worked as a psychiatrist at hospitals in Suel Brak and East Yara, was a founder of Kupat Holim, and a founder and president of the Hatzolah Movement. He is survived by his wife, Henna, and a son.

With deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved mother and grandmother

CEIL SCHNEIDERMAN

The funeral cortege will leave the family home at 3 Rehov Mishmar Hayarden, Givatayim, for the Holon cemetery, where the funeral will take place at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Odess and the family

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is saddened by the passing of

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who laboured staunchly for Israel and the Jewish People.

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The funeral will leave the Eliahu Hospital, Haifa at 12 noon today, Sunday, October 9.

Ester Lifschitz, Haifa
G.L. Lifschitz, Hague, Netherlands
Socksmon-Lifschitz and grandchildren, Djakarta.

On the first anniversary of the death of our beloved

Prof. GABRIEL STEIN

We shall gather at his grave on Monday, כ"ח חשוון תשמ"ב, 10.10.77, at 3 p.m. We shall meet at the entrance to the Har Hamenuhot cemetery at 2.45 p.m.

The Family

U.S. won't turn economic screws Ehrlich: 5-day week and welfare state must wait

By SEAYAT SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich said on Friday that Israel was too small and too poor to be a welfare state.
Addressing the Commercial and Industrial Club here, he said that expectations of an expansion in welfare services must be "shelved for at least two years." But he indicated that current services would be maintained.
Ehrlich flatly rejected the request for a five-day work week. "A country with our economic problems cannot afford it. We must first learn how to do a week's work under normal conditions."
Ehrlich said he was sure that the U.S. Administration had no intention of using economic sanctions to press Israel into going to Geneva.
"We are as anxious to go to Geneva as the Americans," Ehrlich told the Commercial and Industrial Club here. But he stressed that Israel's minimum conditions are that no "Palestinian" state emerges in Geneva, and that no negotiations are conducted with the PLO.
Ehrlich insisted that there was no connection between Washington's political views and its foreign aid programme. He revealed that he had started discussing U.S. aid to Israel for 1978 while he was in Washington, and believed that there was a "good chance" that economic aid would be increased. As for military aid, the minister said, "there are no differences of opinion."
The next State Budget would be tabled in the Knesset on January 2, 1978, the Finance Minister promised. It would follow the pattern of the current budget, taking into consideration the actual changes in wages and prices.
Gradually, the Government would dispense with all taxes except the income tax and the value added tax, Ehrlich said. He also promised to simplify much of the citizens' dealings with the government.

PLO appointees would be rejected by Israel

Jerusalem Post Staff
Anyone appointed by the PLO to represent it at Geneva will be immediately rejected by Israel — even if that person is a resident of the West Bank or Gaza. This was stated by a Foreign Ministry spokesman at the weekend who said it represented precisely what Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan had replied to a questioner in Atlanta, Georgia, last Thursday night.
The spokesman said that news agency reports of Dayan's remarks had been inaccurate.
UPI had reported that Dayan had said the PLO could have the role it has demanded in picking Palestinian representatives at a reconvened Geneva conference.
In a press conference in Atlanta on Thursday night, UPI reported, Dayan said Israel would allow the Palestine Liberation Organization to pick non-PLO members — including PLO sympathizers — for an Arab delegation at reconvened Geneva Peace talks.
But Dayan held to the government position against negotiating directly with the PLO and said that Palestinian delegates who stated they represent the PLO would be unacceptable.
Earlier, a PLO spokesman in Beirut said some non-PLO members could join a Palestinian delegation at reconvened peace talks and that all delegation members must be chosen by the PLO.
In Los Angeles, speaking to 400 West Coast leaders of the UJA, Dayan said that although the U.S. and Israel "do not see eye to eye" on proposed guidelines for a Middle East peace conference, President Jimmy Carter has assured Israel that he would not withdraw economic or military aid to Israel.

Amit warns of Geneva

TEL AVIV (Itim). — DMC leader Meir Amit warned on Friday of the "great danger" that await the country at the Geneva peace conference. He said the situation calls for the government to act with the utmost flexibility and to block all unilateral settlement bids in the West Bank. Amit was speaking at a scholarship awarding ceremony at the Holon Rotary Club.

Six Arabs held after anti-Ofra march

Jerusalem Post Reporter
RAMALLAH. — Six Arab students from this district have been arrested in the wake of demonstrations protesting against the expansion of the nearby Jewish settlement of Ofra. The Jerusalem Post learned "last night" that the students were held in Ramallah.

Rubinstein to come for Mann concert

TEL AVIV. — Pianist Arthur Rubinstein will come specially from Paris to attend the festive concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra next Saturday marking the 20th anniversary of the Mann Auditorium.
Frederic Mann and his wife are also arriving in Israel for the concert with a group of American friends of the IPO. Mann made the largest single contribution, apart from the Tel Aviv Municipality, for the construction of the auditorium.
Zubin Mehta, the orchestra's musical director, will conduct, with Isaac Stern and Leonard Rose playing Bach.
Meanwhile, Mehta has introduced an innovation in the IPO service to its subscribers: a "mini" concert, which will be played before the regular performance. Not all subscribers will benefit from it at present. But tonight, as well as next Monday, Isaac Stern and a group of orchestra players will perform Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" for those who would care to arrive at 7 p.m. instead of the regular 8.30 p.m.

Uzi-buyer arrested

AFULA (Itim). — Police here on Friday arrested a resident of Isal village on suspicion that he bought a stolen Uzi submachine gun from two Beit She'an youths. The two youths were arrested after the suspect was interrogated by police and security forces.
The Isal resident allegedly paid IL2,000 for the weapon which the youths allegedly stole from the home of a Beit She'an reservist. It was learned that security forces take a grave view of Jews selling arms to Arabs. There have been several cases of the kind recently.

Cruise season starts

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Thirty-one cruise ships are due this month, ushering in the autumn season. The vessels will bring some 15,000 tourists, for visits lasting from one to three days each.
Most of the ships are coming to Haifa from Alexandria and Port Said, Beirut, one of the high spots of Mediterranean cruises, and the Lebanon civil war, has not been put on the ships' itineraries.



Erwin Shimron (centre) presiding over the first meeting of the committee set up to investigate organized crime. From left to right, Yosef Hermelin, Eliahu Lankin, Tova Elinson (secretary), Shimron, Ya'acov Eliahu (coordinator), Yitzhak Mann, and Mattityahu Sela.

Crime committee appeals to public to bring information

The Shimron Committee, which was appointed two weeks ago to study organized crime and recommend methods of fighting it, held its first meeting on Friday. It appealed to the public to come forward with any information at its disposal.
The chairman of the committee, Jerusalem lawyer Erwin Shimron, said in a radio interview on Friday that information would also be obtained from official sources — the police, the Treasury, and the Justice Ministry.
At its first meeting, the committee set up four sub-committees to study specific topics, and made its first estimate of the budget it would require to carry out its task — some IL220,000. The five members of the committee would not be drawing salaries for their work, and would only receive expenses, mainly for travel, Shimron told "Itim" yesterday.
He said the committee would try to complete its work within the two months allotted to it by the Cabinet. (Itim)

Liberals getting gloomy over distribution of portfolios

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Political Reporter
Gloom spread among Liberal Party leaders yesterday, some because the party was offered only the Transport Ministry and some because its candidates for the post lacked sufficient stature.
Liberal Party chairman Simcha Ehrlich said last night that he had not yet decided whether to accept the Prime Minister's decision to give the Social Betterment Ministry to Herut.
Meanwhile, Absorption Minister David Levi said he will run for the Social Betterment and Labour portfolio (which will be entrusted to his Herut party) — if his Absorption Ministry is abolished.
In the Liberal Party both MK Moshe Nissim and Deputy Finance Minister Yehzekiel Flomin turned down the Transport portfolio. Nissim said he did not have the qualifications nor the interest in the job, but recommended Flomin. Flomin, too, claimed he was not interested in the job adding his experience in Transport has been limited to driving a car and flying — as a passenger — on El Al. He said he wants to use his education and experience in the Treasury.
Thus, the candidates were MK Menahem Be'er, who had been Minister of Education, and David Shifman, Tel Aviv Deputy Mayor, who had dealt with transport problems there; Dr. Ami Shapiro, an eye doctor from Jerusalem; and possibly MK Pessach Grupper and former MK Yehuda Be'er.
Nissim and Flomin have been inundated with telephone calls from party members trying to convince them to accept the post. "You see who the candidates are — they are fourth and sixth rate and a disgrace to the Likud and the state," one caller argued.
"Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Ben Aharon and Moshe Carmel were Ministers of Transport, but had no experience in the field when they assumed office. They learnt and so can you," another said.
"I can't recall a time with so much gloom and confusion in the Party as this period," a senior Liberal source told The Jerusalem Post last night.
The problem arose after Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich agreed that the Transport portfolio would go to a Liberal, Social Betterment and Labour to Herut, and Justice to a member of neither party. (These portfolios had been kept open for the Democratic Movement for Change.)
Both Herut and the Liberals want the Social Betterment and Labour portfolio, which is seen as providing much latitude for its holder. Nissim has said he is willing to accept this portfolio.
However, Begin's offer of the Justice portfolio to Amnon Goldenberg is seen in some Liberal circles as ruling out the Social Betterment portfolio for them. Goldenberg has been a member of the General Zionist Party (which is now the Liberal Party) since his student days and it appears as if the Liberals are thus getting more than one portfolio.
But some Liberal leaders were unhappy — and most likely jealous — of Goldenberg's appointment. "Why shouldn't he have to face the party? Central Committee like other candidates," one asked. "He has no experience in legislation and contact with the Knesset — but 80 per cent of his work will involve just that!"
Another asked, "Are they looking for a juridical genius? There are greater geniuses than he in the universities."
Former MK Be'er and 39 other members of the Party Central Committee have requested an urgent meeting of the committee to discuss appointments. It is not clear whether the committee will meet this week, and one member told The Post that in that case the Central Committee may be asked to refuse to nominate its candidate for the available portfolio, in time for the Knesset meeting, on Monday, when Prime Minister Menachem Begin intends to present his new ministers.

Counterfeit dollars

HAIFA (Itim). — A local resident was ordered held in custody for 15 days by a magistrate here on Friday on suspicion of distributing counterfeit US-\$100 dollar bills.
Police claimed that David Levi, 20, had sold the owner of a Haifa Kiosk counterfeit \$100 bills, and said that he is apparently in contact with other persons who distribute forgeries. Levi denied the police allegations, saying that he did not know himself that the notes were forgeries.

Convicted policeman's file missing in court

The court file of a Border Policeman who was convicted of stealing a IL100 note from a West Bank resident whom he was searching, disappeared on Friday in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.
The judge who convicted policeman Yosef Hodaya said it appeared that one of his comrades who came with him to court had stolen the file.
Hodaya was found guilty of stealing IL100 from a West Bank man whom he searched on Jerusalem's Jaffa Road on Thursday. He was brought to court on Friday and pleaded guilty to the charge. He was convicted and Judge Eliahu Shabat ordered him held until sentencing. But after Hodaya's file was taken to the court registry so that a remand order could be written out it disappeared.
He was returned to the magistrate who reconstructed the record of the trial to which he added that it was apparently one of Hodaya's buddies who stole the file.

Non-Jewish Soviet dissident gets exit visa for Israel

MOSCOW. — Valentin Turchin, a key figure in Soviet dissident circles, will leave the Soviet Union next Friday for Vienna, after receiving exit permission to emigrate, dissident sources said yesterday.
Turchin, 46, founder of the Soviet branch of Amnesty, the international human rights organisation, was summoned to the Moscow visa office last Tuesday and given visas for himself, his wife Tanya, and their two children to go to Israel, though he is not Jewish, the sources said.
He was later briefly detained by KGB security police and questioned about imprisoned dissidents Alexander Ginzburg and Yuri Orlov, both members of the Moscow "Helsinki" group, set up to observe Soviet compliance with the human rights provisions of the 1976 European Security Conference.
Turchin has for several months been acting as main spokesman and translator for the group, which has been severely reduced by arrests, exile, and emigration since it was founded last year.
Turchin, a computer specialist, who has been out of work since speaking out in defence of dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov will go to the U.S. where he has been offered a teaching post at Columbia University, the sources said.
The mother of another member of the Helsinki group, Anatoly Shcharansky, who was arrested last March, said yesterday she had a been refused permission to visit son. The 25-year-old Shcharansky is also a mathematician computer expert, has been held incommunicado in Moscow's Lubyansky prison since his arrest March 15.
Mrs. Ida P. Shcharansky, via Soviet prosecutors last week appealed for permission to review evidence against her son. But request was rejected with the plan that Soviet investigators had not completed their work or case — "because of your friends."
Meanwhile in London, a Jewish immigrant from Russia who lives in Israel, was described weaker yesterday on the 13th of his hunger strike protesting brother's exile to Siberia.
Victor Tsetlenok, 24, began public hunger strike on September 1 in front of the Soviet Embassy, protesting Moscow's refusal to let his elder brother Boris, 34, to join rest of his family at Kibbutz Boker.
The Soviet emigre's cause, been taken up by British lawyer Peter Bottomley and the WJC Campaign for Soviet Jewry, a which works for human rights Jews in Communist countries. (AP)

U.S. Senate passes military bill

WASHINGTON (AP). — The Senate passed a \$94.5m. supplementary military spending bill on Friday night that provides money to develop missile-carrying U.S. aircraft to replace the cancelled B1 bomber.
The measure was approved, 96 to 1. Sen. Mark Hatfield, an Oregon Republican, cast the lone dissenting vote.
Key features of the bill, which now goes to the House of Representatives, include \$20m. to develop the F111 fighter-bomber as a long-range cruise missile carrier with the range of the B1 and the load capacity of the B52, the air force's main range strategic bomber now in use. It also would provide \$15m. to begin development of a future cruise missile-carrying aircraft to replace the B52, probably using a new version of one of the wide-bodied craft now in commercial use.
Senators Edward Kennedy, Charles Mathias sponsored an amendment in which Congress "is its readiness" to make either a "bomber" or "fighter" program to facilitate the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks with the Soviet Union.

Fined for having Phoenician statuette

HAIFA (Itim). — A local resident who purchased a statuette in the flea market was fined IL100 by the Magistrate's Court last week for possessing an item that had been stolen. The statuette was an antique, and probably stolen from the wreckage of a Phoenician galley discovered off the shore at Shavei Zion in Western Galilee, the police prosecutor said.
The Haifa man, Yisrael Lubesky, paid IL100 for the statuette, which the magistrate ordered confiscated.

El Al wants to fly jumbo to Johannesburg

El Al last week delivered a contract for eye transplants to Johannesburg. The airline is now planning to allow it to operate a jumbo jet on its Tel Aviv-Johannesburg route, in view of the heavy and increasing pressure for seats.
Under the present agreement between the two countries, El Al is permitted three Boeing-707 flights a week, and company officials say that the demand for tickets exceeds this capacity. (Itim)

Mandel gets four years in prison

BALTIMORE, Maryland (UPI). — Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel was sentenced on Friday to four years in a federal prison and stripped of his office for his conviction of mail fraud and racketeering.
Mandel, 57, was convicted of accepting more than \$250,000 in gifts and investments from his five co-defendants.
The prosecution said Mandel influenced race track legislation to benefit the co-defendants as payment for their gifts. Most of the money was used by Mandel to finance a 1974 divorce.
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Tobacco substitute up in smoke

LONDON (AP). — Three men after unveiling a new tobacco substitute cigarette, three British tobacco firms say they, to burn millions of the cigarettes because so few smokers switch.

BRZEZINSKI ON PALESTINIANS

(Continued from page one)
Brzezinski read to the rabbi the full text of a passage in a recent interview he granted to Canadian television during which he justified the use of U.S. "leverage" on the Middle East parties.
Brzezinski pointed out that in the interview he never singled out Israel as receiving such "leverage." He was emphatic in denying that the U.S. would in fact pressure Israel into making risky concessions.
The foreign policy adviser spent considerable time explaining why the U.S. issued the joint statement last week with the Soviets.
According to Brzezinski, it was important to "lock the Soviets into a moderate" Middle East position. He reportedly said that the Soviets were backing off from their total support of the Arab states.
Regarding Palestinian representation at Geneva, Brzezinski said that both he and Dayan are fully aware of the fact that some of the West Bank mayors who could be included in the United Arab delegation at Geneva support the PLO. Yet Dayan wants with them on the West Bank. "And has tea with them."
Brzezinski pointed out that because the PLO is an underground organisation, its supporters carry membership cards.
The adviser was also reported to have made these other points:
• He was very much impressed with Shmuel Katz, the P.M.'s adviser on overseas relations. Brzezinski said that demonstrated an enormous intellectual grasp of the Arab-Israeli conflict, even though "we didn't know everything." Brzezinski was complimentary to Prime Menachem Begin.
• He could not predict Syria's actions in the Middle East. Its actions were still crucial to the outcome of the current U.S. peace effort.
• Jordan was still interested in causing the possibility of a "some sort of association" with a Palestinian "entity" on the Bank.
• He feels that such an "entity" described above, was definitely "within reach," and not merely a utopian dream.
When Glaser pointed out Brzezinski that a "moderate" member was a contradictory term, the presidential adviser said that even Dayan agrees that the West Bank mayors who are with the PLO are "moderates."

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Callaghan pledges warm ties even under Likud

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Jerusalem, Oct. 8 — Premier James Callaghan has given the Israeli government a firm assurance that relations between the two countries will continue to be warm and friendly, even though Israel no longer has a Labour government.

Callaghan's pledge was given on Friday evening at an "Israel evening" arranged by the Labour Party in London during the Labour Party conference in Brighton.

Speaking in the presence of Yigal Allon, who represented the Israeli Labour Party at the conference, the Prime Minister said that while as a Labour Minister he was "profoundly disappointed" that Labour was no longer in power in Israel, as head of the British government he wanted to reassure everyone that "our country's relations with the independence of Israel is something which transcends governments."

He added that he felt "very strongly" the great contribution that Israel had made to the Middle East through its role in the democratic world. "I regard it as our responsibility to deal with Israel's new situation in a way which will help it to achieve its goals and secure borders for Israel," he said.

Callaghan also recalled the close relations that existed between Britain and Israel when they were Foreign Ministers and said that he had to deal with Prime



BIBLICAL HONEY — In several villages in Samaria residents raise honey bees in the manner traditional since Biblical times. The hives shown here, photographed in a Samaria village, are built of pottery jars held together with mortar and earth. (IPFA)

CARTER'S LIAISON WITH JEWS Worst week of Mark Siegel's life

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 — "How could you do this to me?" Mark Siegel asked. "Even a White House aide should stand up and cry out."

These were some of the bitter personal barbs fired at presidential staffer Mark Siegel last week in letters and telephone calls from Jews furious over the joint announcement by the U.S. and the Soviet Union of guidelines for a new Geneva Middle East peace conference.

Among Jewish White House staff members, domestic policy chief Stuart Eizenstat and presidential counsel Robert Lipshutz are more prominent and closer to the president than Siegel. Both have had their share of complaints from supporters of Israel.

But the 30-year-old Siegel, as the administration's political liaison man with the Jewish community, is the most conspicuous target for angry Jewish leaders. As a result, he said, the first three days of the week were "professionally the hardest three days of my life, and the worst."

Speaking of the experience of Lipshutz, Eizenstat and himself, he said: "It's very difficult for us when feelings run high in the Jewish community about Israel."

"We're intensely committed to Israel. We grew up in genuine Jewish households. It means a great deal to us personally and politically," he said.

"People like Bob and Stu sold Jimmy Carter, who was a somewhat unknown quantity, to Jews during the campaign. Now they are on the line."

So is Siegel. His work in politics — he was a strategist in Hubert Humphrey's bid for the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination and later executive director of the Democratic National Committee — gained him a host of contacts among Jewish leaders.

"My views on Israel are well known," he said. "I think I'm credible."

Last week he had the chance to prove it. The telephone in his basement office in the White House was ringing when he came to work just before 8 a.m. Monday. That day he received about 20 calls, only about 20 of which he was able to take.

Tuesday, the telephone kept ringing and letters and telegrams flooded his desk. Siegel also monitored the mountain of letters and wires received by the White House. The volume, he said, was "in the thousands" with only slightly better than one per cent on the positive side.

By Wednesday, with the announcement that the U.S. and Israel had reached a post-midnight tentative agreement on guidelines for Geneva, the public reaction from Jews tapered off in volume and anger.

"When more details are made public, they'll feel better," Siegel predicted hopefully.

Still, there is plenty of anxiety left over. Much of it was triggered, Siegel said, by the public perception, which he contends is mistaken, that the administration is "moving toward the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization)."

No issue so unites the Jewish community, said Siegel, as its sense of outrage at the PLO. "It's literally the bloody shirt. It connotes the image of Auschwitz and the Holocaust."

What does Siegel tell the angry and worried people on the telephone? "First of all I listen," he said. "That's what's important. Then I try to address their points, one at a time, and make my own points."

Basically he tries to convince his callers that Carter's definition of peace in the Middle East is broader and economically and diplomatically more beneficial for Israel than merely a state of non-belligerence. Also he contends that a close reading of the U.S.-Russian communique demonstrates "a lot of movement by the Soviets" on matters important to Israel.

Most callers, Siegel believes, seem at least to feel better for having found someone near the seat of power who is willing to listen to them.

Suspected wife-robber

TEL AVIV (UPI). — A local man, Ya'acov Ayish, was ordered remanded for five days in the Magistrate's Court here on Friday, on suspicion of ambushing his estranged wife and robbing her of IL7,500.

The suspect's wife, Miriam, who runs a boutique near the central bus station, told the court that she was ambushed by two masked men on the stairs of her apartment building.

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'Hitler was Jewish' theory denounced as fairy tale

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN, Oct. 8 — A prominent German scholar has described as a "fairy tale" suggestions by American historian John Toland that Adolf Hitler was of Jewish origin.

Werner Maser, author of a well-known biography of Hitler, said in an interview with the newspaper "Die Welt" that there is no basis in fact for the "Jewish descent" theory.

Maser sharply criticized Toland for his apparent willingness to accept the theory in a recent 1,200-page book on Hitler's life. Toland's work, just published in translation in West Germany, has received publicity as the "most detailed and thorough study" of Hitler to date.

But Maser accuses the American of "indiscriminately" mixing fact and legend throughout his book. Asked by the interviewer for an example of what he meant, Maser singled out passages in Toland's work dealing with Hitler's ancestry.

In these passages Toland refers to accounts that Hitler's father was the illegitimate son of Anna Schickelgruber, a cook in the 19th century household of a Jewish family named Frankengruber in Graz, Austria.

Anna Schickelgruber was said to have later received payments for 14 years from the Frankengruber family in support of her child, who was allegedly fathered by a member of the family.

Maser says that these accounts have been known to historians for decades but have never been substantiated. On the contrary, he says it is proven fact that at the time in question there was no Jew by the name of Frankengruber living in Graz or its immediate vicinity.

Nor was Anna Schickelgruber ever employed in Graz, he says. Her name appears neither in the local 19th century "servants' registry" nor in the "residents' registry."

It is also a fact, Maser contends, that Hitler's grandmother never received any child support or financial payments which could be considered as such.

Maser claimed that Toland had also quoted so freely from Maser's own book, without giving him credit, that his publisher would probably take the matter to court.

Callaghan: Israel should use U.S. public opinion as policy tool

AVIV (UPI). — Influencing public opinion is the best for Israel to conduct its dispute with the U.S. as to how to achieve peace in the Middle East, according to James Callaghan, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

Speaking at Beit Haganit here on Friday, Callaghan cited the termination of the Vietnam War as an example of U.S. public opinion overruling administration's foreign policy.

"The U.S. has three interests in the Middle East. The first is to maintain a strong Israel as a ally in the East, equal in might to NATO. The second is to prevent an escalation of the conflict to war, and the third is to increase U.S. influence among the nations."

The Americans have no way of increasing their influence in Arab capitals except by forcing Israel into concessions that neither the Arabs nor the Soviet Union could achieve, he said.

Israel shares the interests of the U.S. in the area, Callaghan said, but differs with respect to the risks that must be taken in order to achieve peace. Israel sees the dangers inherent in territorial concessions more clearly than the Americans, and must beware of accepting U.S. guarantees for its safety.

Despite the confrontation, Callaghan was "not worried" that the U.S. would "turn off the taps" of arms to Israel, since that would encourage the Arabs to make war against Israel — something which the U.S. wishes to prevent.

Gerer Rebbe launches austerity campaign

By DAVID LINDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Hassidic Rebbe of Gur (the Gerer Rebbe) has launched an anti-inflation campaign, urging his followers to live on a strict budget and to avoid extravagance.

His followers hope will have a marked effect on spiraling prices and extravagant living standards. Among the areas of the Rebbe's concern are apartment prices, lavish wedding feasts, the *shvut* market — which this Shabbat charged up to IL1,000 for a choice fruit — and *shtrimeles* (the Hassidic fur hats).

In an encyclical letter to his followers issued recently, the Rebbe, Rabbi Simcha Bunim Alter, laid down deliberately low ceiling prices to be paid by newly-wed couples for their apartments: in Jerusalem up to IL250,000 and elsewhere up to IL220,000.

Rabbi Simcha Bunim, who succeeded his brother Rabbi Yisrael as the Gerer Rebbe last year, is reputedly a major real estate investor. He urged his followers not to concentrate in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak, where prices are particularly high, but to consider settling in less central areas. (Ger Hassidim recently inaugurated a new housing and industrial project at Hazor, the Galilee development town.)

The real solution to inflation in housing prices, the Rebbe wrote, was rental homes, and the new government had indeed pledged to move in this direction. But that remedy, it seemed, was in the nature of a hoped-for long-term solution.

According to Gur sources the Rebbe is already implementing his new modest housing policy in practice, refusing to sanction marriages where he feels that the young couple's housing demands would place intolerable burdens on their parents' pocketbooks. Told by one young man that his bride-to-be insisted on a three-room flat and would not make do with two rooms, the Rebbe reportedly advised him to "find another girl."

The encyclical letter also sets a limit of 150 guests at wedding feasts. Additional guests should be offered only light refreshments after the ceremony, he wrote.

On the issue of *shvut* prices, the Rebbe reportedly told followers privately that he regretted not buying 10 *stetrim* which his whole congregation — which on festivals numbers thousands — would have shared, in order to beat the cut-throat dealers. He indicated that if prices were again unreasonable next year he would consider doing so.

The 50-year-old Rebbe has also directed his austerity campaign at the high, sable-fur *shtrimeles* which are traditionally the pride and joy of Ger Hassidim. He has even hinted that he would consider banning the purchase of new *shtrimeles* altogether unless the prices thousands of pounds for a top-quality hat — begin to level out.

'Jew-burning' German officers may be prosecuted in civilian court

BONN (UPI). — The eleven young Bundeswehr officers who played at "burning Jews" at a drinking party last February may be tried in a civilian court, a Defence Ministry spokesman said on Friday.

Naval Captain Kurt Fischer told reporters that an investigation of the incident at the Bundeswehr College in Munich has been completed, and that a report will be turned over to the public prosecutor for possible action.

If tried and convicted they could be sentenced to from six months to three years under articles in the penal code prohibiting Nazi activity.

Fischer said Lt.-Gen. Ruediger von Reichert, the armed forces Deputy Chief of Staff, interrogated 100 witnesses at the college. The officers not only played at "burning Jews," but sang the Nazi hymn, "The Horst Wessel Song," and exchanged the Nazi "Sieg Heil" greeting, according to some of the witnesses.

Fischer said, however, that the officers at the February 18 drinking party did not, as had been reported, write the word "Jew" on paper and throw it in the bonfire. Rather, they shouted "let's burn another Jew" as they threw paper and cardboard on the fire.

He said the college authorities did not report the incident to the Defence Ministry as they should have done because they did not take it as seriously as they should have.

Callaghan: peace in Middle East is inevitable

CALOOSA, Alabama (UPI). — James Callaghan said here last week he is pleased with the progress of recent discussions on the Middle East situation and feels peace is inevitable.

Speaking at the University of Alabama, said he anticipates the completion of the Geneva conference by December.

Peace will come gradually, he said, in a few steps in the right directions," Callaghan said. "We are from rhetoric to diplomacy, from whose fault it is to what do we do about it."

"Members of the PLO are not the victims but the authors of the dilemma. They were the cause of the civil war in Jordan, the civil war in Lebanon, and the delay in the Geneva talks."

Callaghan said that territorial negotiations and concessions in all segments will be necessary, but the Arab attitude on peace will determine Israel's attitude on boundaries.

Haifa mailmen in unauthorized strike

HAIFA. — An unauthorized strike of some of the city's postmen is paralyzing mail distribution in Haifa.

Some 80 postmen stopped work last Wednesday morning when their demand for higher overtime pay during the holiday period (when they have a much heavier work-load) was turned down. They demanded, too, that overtime rates also be paid to mailmen absent from work because of illness, reserve duty, or other good reason.

Both demands have been rejected by the postal employees' committee and the Haifa labour council. The post office regional director says the demands violate the labour contract.

At the Shemen works here, 180 monthly-paid operators and foremen went back to work on Friday after the local labour council agreed to negotiate their dispute with the management. The workers had walked out of the plant, closing the factory doors after their demand for higher pay was turned down.

Betar group storms U.S. mission to UN

NEW YORK (UPI). — Twenty young Betar activists invaded the offices of the U.S. mission to the UN on Thursday and met with Ambassador Andrew Young to protest the recent American announcement favouring Palestinian rights.

"The legitimate right of the Jewish people to exist in its homeland cannot be sacrificed to those who seek to control American policy through petro-blackmail or terrorism," the Herut youth movement activists said in a statement afterwards.

A mission spokesman said Young reassured the group the recent U.S. Soviet statement upholding the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" did not imply a sellout of Israel.

But Larry Charlton, a Betar spokesman, said: "Our fears were not reassured. We think Mr. Carter's policy speaks for itself."

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U.S. Senate passage of Panama pacts 'in doubt'

WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter said on Friday that Senate passage of the Panama Canal treaties "is in doubt." But he urged approval despite apparently conflicting statements from Panamanian officials.

Senate resistance to the treaty centres on differences in the way the U.S. and Panamanian officials interpret provisions concerning the canal's security after it is turned over to Panama in the year 2000.

"Misrepresentations will be presented to you" by opponents of turning the canal over to Panama, Carter told the Democratic National Committee in a speech. "The matter is in doubt. It is not going to be easy."

By misrepresentations, Carter may have referred to last week's leak of a State Department cable indicating Panama thinks the U.S. cannot use military force in an emergency after Panama takes over the waterway.

"There is no doubt in my mind that our country's best interests will be served by these treaties," Carter said.

In Panama, treaty negotiator

Carlos Lopez Guevara said in a nationwide television interview on Thursday that current treaty language does not give the U.S. unilateral rights to intervene.

Lopez Guevara said the canal's neutrality after the year 2000 will be maintained "by its impartiality" because Panama will be the exclusive administrator of the canal.

Meanwhile, General Omar Torrijos, Panama's head of state, said during a visit to Sweden that Senate rejection of the treaty could lead to the closing of the canal.

He did not explain how this could occur but, in an apparent attempt to increase world pressure, said the treaty does not concern the U.S. and Panama alone. "Innocent countries will suffer if the canal is closed," Torrijos said.

Amid the controversy, "exploratory and informal" talks continued between the U.S. and Panama to clarify interpretations of two key aspects of the pacts — permanent U.S. defence rights and guarantees of preferential treatment for U.S. ships in emergencies once Panama controls the canal.

(UPI, AP)

French paper publishes Schleyer letter

PARIS (UPI). — The Paris newspaper "Libération" yesterday published a letter allegedly from kidnapped West German magnate Hanns-Martin Schleyer in which he begged the Bonn government to take a decision in his case.

The letter, dated October 5, was mailed in Paris and addressed to Schleyer's wife, the newspaper said. The newspaper said the letter was posted from post office bureau no. 128 at 10:45 a.m. in Paris on Thursday, 32 days after Schleyer's spectacular kidnapping by the "Siegfried Hasner Commando" of the Red Army Faction terrorists.

The photocopy of the kidnap victim's three-page letter to his wife was attached to a colour photograph of Schleyer. The West German business tycoon criticised the "indecision of West German authorities concerning negotiations" for his release, according to "Libération."

The leftist newspaper on September 27 published a photograph and a statement said to be from the



"Prisoner for 31 days" reads the sign around the neck of kidnapped West German industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer. The photo was published in the Paris daily "Libération" yesterday.

(AP radiophoto)

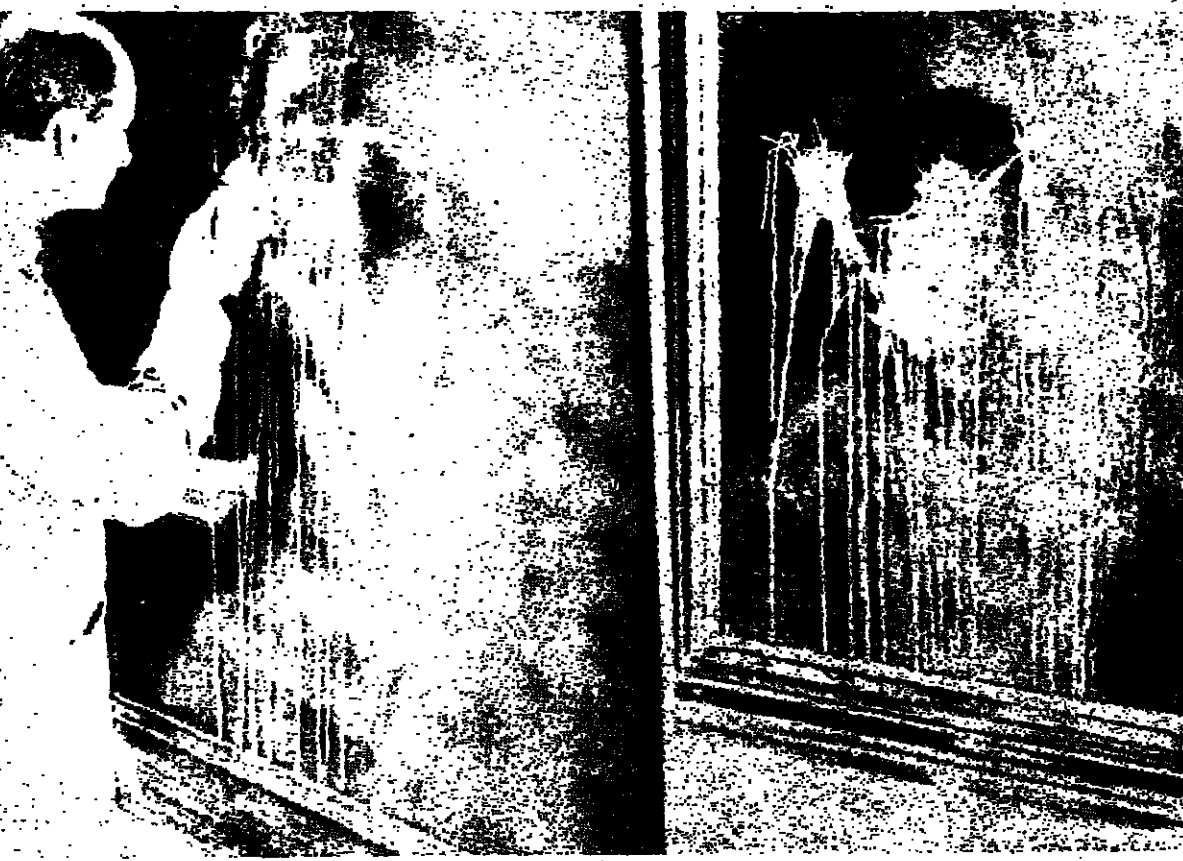
Red Army Faction. It demanded that all searches for the kidnappers be abandoned immediately in Germany as well as in France, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

Schleyer purportedly wrote that he was in good condition "as much as possible in the present circumstances. The uncertainty in what weighs me down."

"A decision from the (West German) government, as I demanded the first day, has become pressing, so much so that my kidnappers, I am convinced firmly, are not going to keep this up much longer. Their determination cannot be put in doubt after the assassinations of (federal prosecutor) Buback and (banker) Ponto."

Schleyer, head of the West German employers' association, was kidnapped on September 5 in Cologne, Swiss lawyer Denis Fayot has been acting as mediator between the terrorists and the Bonn government in negotiations for Schleyer's release. The Red Army Faction has demanded liberation of 11 imprisoned terrorists.

Man sprays acid on Rembrandts



Rembrandt's "Apostle Thomas" (left) and "Self-Portrait" after acid had been sprayed on them on Friday at a gallery in Kassel, West Germany.

(UPI telephoto)

HAMBURG (AP). — A 40-year-old man has confessed to spraying acid on four paintings, including two Rembrandts, at a Kassel art gallery, police announced yesterday.

"I must destroy what other people honour," Hans-Joachim Bohlmann told police.

According to police, Bohlmann was taken into custody Friday night in his apartment, about eight hours after the attack in Kassel's Wilhelmshohe Palace gallery.

Paintings damaged in the attack included the gallery's premier attraction — Rembrandt's "Apostle

Thomas" — as well as a self-portrait by the Dutch master that was almost obliterated.

Also damaged were "The Architect," by Rembrandt's pupil, Nicolaus Maas, and "Christ Appears to the Magdalene," by pupil Willem Drost.

Officers said they believed the assailant used a tiny syringe concealed behind his hand to spray acid on the paintings.

Police said detailed descriptions of sites of previous attacks Bohlmann gave investigators as well as material seized in his home have left

hardly any doubts of his involvement.

Bohlmann told investigators that he had begun his vandalism after his wife was killed in a traffic accident.

The series of acid-throwing attacks began in March in Hamburg's Kunsthaus gallery, which displayed Rembrandt's "The Descent from the Cross" and "The Anatomy Lesson of Dr. Nicolaes Tulp."

Victims of the attacks included paintings by Lucas Cranach, Paul Klee, and Bartholomaeus Bruyn.

Damage caused alone to two Cranach and one Bruyn painting has been estimated at 2.2 million marks (\$1.3m).

The staging of attacks has prompted several West German galleries to close until they can secure their most valued works behind glass shields.

Other galleries have instituted strict security, including searches, to guard against vandals.

U.S. Supreme Court keeps Concorde out of Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP). — Any immediate landing of the Concorde superjet at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport was temporarily blocked by the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday.

The full court, after having a request from officials of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey referred to it by Justice Thurgood Marshall, ordered that no Concorde flights land at JFK until the controversy is given more review.

The justices asked attorneys for British Airways and Air France, the two airlines flying the British-French plane, to submit answers to legal arguments filed by Port Authority lawyers, and said the matter would be discussed at the court's October 14 closed conference.

Earlier on Friday, Marshall had been asked to postpone the effect of a lower court's ruling which would have allowed the Concorde to land as soon as the two airlines were ready to offer service in and out of JFK. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected two requests on Thursday by the Port Authority to overturn a federal trial court's

September 29 order allowing the Concorde to begin landing at the airport on October 20. The Appeals Court, however, said that the landings could begin "forthwith."

Spokesmen for both airlines had said they intended to touch the first Concorde flights down within "two or three weeks." The Supreme Court's action, however, could upset that timetable.

The lengthy legal manoeuvring over the proposed Concorde operations at JFK reached the nation's highest court once before, late last year. At that time, the justices refused to review a decision by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington that former Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman Jr. acted within his authority when allowing Concorde to operate on a trial basis at JFK and Dulles International outside Washington.

Meanwhile, a British Airways Concorde flew into London from Bahrain yesterday with six passengers, a big improvement on Friday's empty outward flight.

"We are slightly disappointed at the small response," a BA spokesman said.

TV 'addict' found guilty of murder

MIAMI (UPI). — Ronny Zamora's claim that he was driven to kill by an overdose of television violence was not enough to draw international attention, but the jury didn't buy it. Sentencing of the 15-year-old boy, who was convicted on Thursday night of the murder of an elderly neighbour, is set for November 7. Defence lawyer Ellis Rubin says he will appeal.

The defence argued the youth shot 82-year-old Elmer Baggett in a moment of insanity climaxing a 10-year "addiction" to television violence.

But juror Irving Winer, a telephone company employee, said, "I felt the boy is sick. He needs help, but the facts did not prove he was intoxicated by television."

Individual jurors admitted they were moved by defence testimony,

especially the tearful hours on the stand of Ronny's mother Yolanda, who told of her son's 10-year "addiction" to television violence. Rubin said the TV became Zamora's "instructor, his brainwasher, his hypnotizer."

But in the end the jurors, intimately acquainted with the issue of television violence, apparently relied on their own feelings. They had watched it most of their lives.

They rejected the defence of "involuntary subliminal television intoxication" and found Zamora guilty of first-degree murder, burglary, armed robbery and the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Florida law requires that he serve at least 25 years before he is eligible for parole.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE The ceremony for the award of the HAZANI PRIZE for Social Welfare

will take place at 4 p.m., Wednesday, October 12, in the Auditorium, Beit Agon, Rehov Hillel, Jerusalem.

Speakers: Dr. ISRAEL RATZ, Director, Brookdale Institute "The Boundaries of Social Service" AHARON LANGERMAN, Director General, Ministry of Social Welfare will discuss the adjudicators' decision.

Social workers and all those revering the memory of Yaakov Hazani are cordially invited.

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Basque official, three employees assassinated

MADRID. — Attackers firing sub-machine guns yesterday assassinated the president of the Vizcaya provincial government, two bodyguards, and his chauffeur in the Basque town of Guernica, police said.

The official, Augusto Urceta-Barrenechea, was cut down as he left the local jail after his weekly game of paddle ball, according to the national news agency CNA. The 53-year-old official and the others were inside a car when killed, the agency said.

The gunmen, believed by some witnesses to number three, fled on foot, according to some reports. They fired from a car, according to others.

The attack was carried out in the style of the Basque separatist band ETA, but no group immediately took responsibility. The killing resembled the assassination one year ago of the president of the assembly of the neighbouring province of Guipuzcoa, Juan Maria de Araluce.

Urceta's last official appearance in public came last Tuesday when he attended rites marking one year

since Araluce was killed in the San Sebastian.

ETA considers men like Araluce and Urceta, who worked with authoritarian regimes of strongmen Francisco Franco, enemies of the Basques.

The latest slayings came critical point in the post-Franco transition. On Friday govern and opposition parties agreed joint amnesty bill which, if it will give formerly jailed guerrillas a clean record.

Premier Adolfo Suarez was holding a crisis meeting with top Spanish politicians from Communists to neo-Francoists effort to find agreement on the country's pressing problems, especially grave economic ills.

On the diplomatic front, the coincided with the arrival in Mexico of President Jose Portillo.

The "military" branch of ETA announced on Friday that despite Franco elections and demotion, "nothing has changed Basque region" and "we are continuing the armed struggle."

(UP)

SHOT UP U.S. CONGRESS IN 1954

Freed Puerto Rican leader: independence only by the gun

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO (AP). — Freed after spending 23 years in U.S. federal prisons, Puerto Rican nationalist Andres Figueroa Cordero returned home Friday. He said those who close their ears to demands for the island's independence should have them opened with gunfire.

Although critically ill with cancer, he vowed he would continue his fight for independence.

A cheering and weeping crowd of 400 greeted Cordero when he arrived at San Juan airport from Chicago.

"I will continue to fight for independence and Marxist-Leninism for the island," he said.

"What we are asking for is our right to independence. If they don't want to hear it, then we have the

right to open their ears with fire."

Cordero arrived in Puerto Rico less than 24 hours after President Jimmy Carter had reduced his 75-year sentence in a "human gesture" to allow him to return before his death.

He was imprisoned along with three other nationalists for his role in the 1954 shooting attack on the U.S. House of Representatives which five congressmen were wounded. Cordero was charged assault and conspiring to overthrow the government and would not have been eligible for parole until Carter's clemency decision.

He was supported by Governor R. Barcelo and four past Puerto Rico governors.

WALL STREET WEEK

Second weekly decline

NEW YORK (AP). — From Wall Street's point of view, the latest news about the money supply has been better, but still not good enough.

The U.S. Federal Reserve's report on Thursday of a \$1.2b. drop in the basic measure of the money supply marked the second straight weekly decline in this closely watched statistic.

But the longer-term monetary growth rate remained above where the Fed wants it to be. An unexpected stock market showed little positive response to the latest data.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks slipped 6.75 to 849.35 in the past week, wiping out most of the previous week's 7.97-point gain.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock index dropped .58 to 95.97, and the New York Stock Exchange composite index lost .22 to 62.58.

Big Board volume averaged 18.67m. shares a day, against 19.52m. the week before.

The growth rate of the money supply, as many investors are keenly aware, has been running ahead of the Fed's stated targets for the past several months.

In its efforts to hold no growth back to a pace that will for a gradual reduction in inflationary pressures, the Fed bank has recently been tight credit by encouraging short-term rates to rise.

U.S. raises, UK drops prime lending rates

NEW YORK. — Major American banks on Friday raised their prime rate by 0.25 per cent.

The higher lending rate reflects efforts by the Federal Reserve Board, the Central U.S. bank, to tighten credit as a means of slowing the growth of the nation's supply.

In Britain, however, the Bank of England cut its minimum rate by 0.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent on Friday — the lowest rate since it replaced the old bank rate of 8.25 per cent in 1965. The new rate was the fifth in two months.

(Reuters)

THIS WEEK at the TEL-AVIV MUSEUM

EXHIBITIONS

Helena Rubinstein Pavilion, Rehov Tarnat

YOSAF COHEN — PHOTOGRAPHS

MARIS BISHOFFS — TIME OUT

Tel Aviv Museum, Edrot Shaul Hamelech

THE GOLD OF PERU, Treasures of the Peruvian-Columbian Cultures in Peru (Zacks Hall).

Under the patronage of the Israel Museum Bank. On Sunday and Wednesday this exhibition will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 7-11 p.m.

Events during the Exhibition

Every evening Sunday-Thursday, Saturday, 8 p.m. Audio visual programme on Peru and its culture available through the courtesy of Yarik Airlines (English).

Tuesday, October 11,

7.00 p.m. "People of the Sun," documentary film on ancient Peru (English, colour 58 min.), through the courtesy of the Educational T.V.

8.00 p.m. Lecture, "The Inca Kingdom—Utopia or Dictatorship?" Dr. F. Bromer, Latin American Study Circle, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Saturday, October 15

7.30 p.m. Exhibition briefing

8.30 p.m. Film "The Royal Sun Fortress," by Peter Schaeffer, performed by the English National Theatre, with Robert Shaw. (Cinemascope, colour, English). By courtesy of C.G.F., Hollywood.

LECTURES

Tuesday, October 11, 5.45 p.m.

"The Historical Roots of Modern Photography" (English, Maki Kaufman Hall). Dr. Tim Gidal (Hebrew University, Jerusalem), Pioneer European press photographer.

Moderator: Mich Bar-Am.

CINEMA

"Hester Street." Writer and Director Joan Micklin Silver, with Carol Kane and Steven Keats (in English, with Hebrew translation). Three performances daily Sunday through Thursday: 4.30, 7.30, 9.30. Saturday: 7.30 and 9.30 p.m.

SHABBATARBUT

Tel Aviv Municipality, Cultural Foundation.

Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m.

Moderator: Y. Livne.

VISITING HOURS IN THE 2 BUILDINGS:

Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10.00 a.m. — 5 p.m. (Library: 10.00 a.m. — 4.00 p.m.); Mondays and Fridays: 10.00 a.m. — 2.00 p.m. (Library: 10.00 a.m. — 1.00 p.m.)

Saturday evening: 7.00 p.m. — 11.00 p.m.

On Saturday, the new Museum building will be open to the public free of charge from 10.00 a.m. — 1.00 p.m.

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4.30, 6.30, 8.30 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 12

4.30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 13

3.30 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 15

3.30 p.m.

AN EVENING OF FRENCH MUSIC AND ITS INFLUENCE — Piano: Works of Olivier Messiaen, Boris Berman, Cesar Franck, Bartok, Debussy. (In cooperation with the French Cultural Attaché) Tickets: Members IL20, others IL25.

EXHIBIT OF THE MONTH Special exhibit in honour of Chagall's 90th birthday — "The Synagogue at Safed," painted in 1931 during the artist's visit in the country.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT: Pottery vessels, Early Canaanite Period, Tel-Fitan, Beth Shean Valley, Gravenades, Islamic Period, 8-14th centuries C.E.; Roman mosaic pavement from Shechem.

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A few tickets are still available.

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Secretary of State Vance with Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam before the latter's return home from New York over the weekend.

Peace winds up M.E. talks

NEW YORK (Reuters). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday completed three weeks of intensive consultations over the convening of the Geneva peace conference later this year.

U.S. proposals for procedures at talks have already received tentative approval from Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan. His Egyptian and Jordanian counterparts are optimistically to reporters as seeing Vance at the UN on Friday.

There was no reaction so far to the proposals from Syria, which scotched the original Geneva meeting in December, 1973. Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam discussed the proposals with Vance on Wednesday, but Arab diplomats said they understood Syria had taken no decision.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation indicated in Beirut its readiness to accept the proposed formula for the participation of Palestinians who are not members of the PLO.

"Things are moving," Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy told reporters here. Arab states and Palestinians are planned to meet at a joint delegation with Israel in a plenary session which would then set up working groups to have bilateral and multilateral functions. The bilateral working groups would negotiate separate peace treaties between Israel and Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

The multilateral group would discuss such questions as the future of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as well as compensation for Arab and Jewish refugees.

Why the Copts are rebelling in Egypt

By IRVING BERSON

CAIRO (Ofas). — After the Nasserists, Communists, Marxists, New Leftists, Rejectionists, Moslem Radicals and the hundreds of thousands of the January bread riots Egypt's Orthodox Christians have been adding to President Anwar Sadat's troubles.

The issue is Koranic legislation and, in particular, a presidential draft decree, prescribing death for the Moslem apostate.

It is one of several draft laws that are, Egyptians fear, bringing the country into line with the medieval Wahabite fundamentalism of Saudi Arabia.

The decree has caused consternation among Christians as well as Moslems; and to everybody's astonishment, Pope Shenouda III, head of the Coptic Orthodox Church, has thrown down the gauntlet, challenging the regime's right to interfere in religious matters.

From the pulpit of St. Mark's Cathedral in Cairo, the Pope has urged Egypt's Christians to fast in protest against the draft decree. He has also submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Mamduh Salem and requested a meeting with government officials and legal experts to discuss the matter.

The Church paper "The Sermon" — of which Pope Shenouda is chief editor — has carried a fierce editorial condemning the draft decree under the title "The legislation on apostasy is against freedom and equality."

The article condemns the law for being against "freedom of religion and of belief; against personal freedom and all the liberties

recognised by the countries of the free and civilised world."

The Christians have been strongly supported by "modernist" Moslems who want separation of Church and State, by freethinkers, Moslems with Communist and Leftist ideologies and even by Moslem religious radicals who consider the official "return to Islam" a facade behind which the regime plans to crush all opposition.

But, say Moslem opponents of the legislation, only Christians can afford to protest openly. The regime would not venture to use against them the measures — mass arrests, purges, detention without trial — it uses against political opponents and dissidents. It is aware, they say, that any repressive action taken against Christian dissidents would cause an uproar in the Western world "and play into the hands of Israel, which has set itself up in the Lebanese crisis as the champion and crusader for the Christian separatists."

As it is, many among the 50,000 or so emigre Copts in the U.S. are known to be waging a propaganda campaign, through such organisations as the "American Coptic Organisation," against the Arabs, Arab unity and Arab nationalism, whose objectives are they claim, to "subjugate the Christians and all non-Moslem minorities in the Middle East."

They have the support of anti-Moslem, anti-Arab American and Zionist groups and organisations and are in contact with militant Coptic groups in Egypt and other Christians in the area.

Literature published by these organisations reaches Egypt. It gives a picture of the "plight of the Christians," claiming they are sub-

jected to religious restrictions, discrimination in jobs, education, in the army and police. It speaks of the "slavery of the Christian poor" and of the regime's "racist policy against the Copts."

The "Christian versus Moslem" label attached to the Lebanese civil war is also exploited by Egyptian Christian extremists to stir up anti-Moslem feelings and foster the image of the Christians as a beleaguered minority in the area and "second class citizens."

Sadat's attempt to impose Islamic legislation provoke religious fanatics on both sides. It is one of his more evident departures from the policies of the late Gamal Abdul-Nasser, who stood firmly against the intrusion of religion into politics. The most important and courageous step Nasser took in this respect — one that earned him strong support among the Christians — was to dissolve the religious courts administering Islamic law and integrate them into the civil legal system.

President Sadat is said to be reversing the process under pressure from Saudi Arabia, which is bailing him out financially, and from Moslem extremists in the Establishment. Faced with growing opposition and dissent, he hopes to rally the support of the Moslem masses, still awayed by religious symbols and rhetoric and for whom "Arab" and "Moslem" are still synonymous.

The "revolt of the Copts" appears to have stayed the motion. But the crisis has stirred dark forces of fanaticism and hatred, always close to the surface in this part of the world and all too readily exploited by political cynics to fragment and destabilize the area.



Prince Ahmed Fawad, 25, son of the late King Fawad who was overthrown from Egypt in 1962, seen placing hand on the Koran during his wedding ceremony at the Monaco principality palace last week. The bride is French art student, Dominique-France Picard, 29, who became Princess Fadila. (AP wirephoto)

ten thousand will build Japanese pyramid

By NICHOLAS B. TATTO

IRO (AP). — A team of Japanese archaeologists last week announced plans to build a new pyramid in Egypt, the first in the Land of the Pharaohs in nearly 4,500 years.

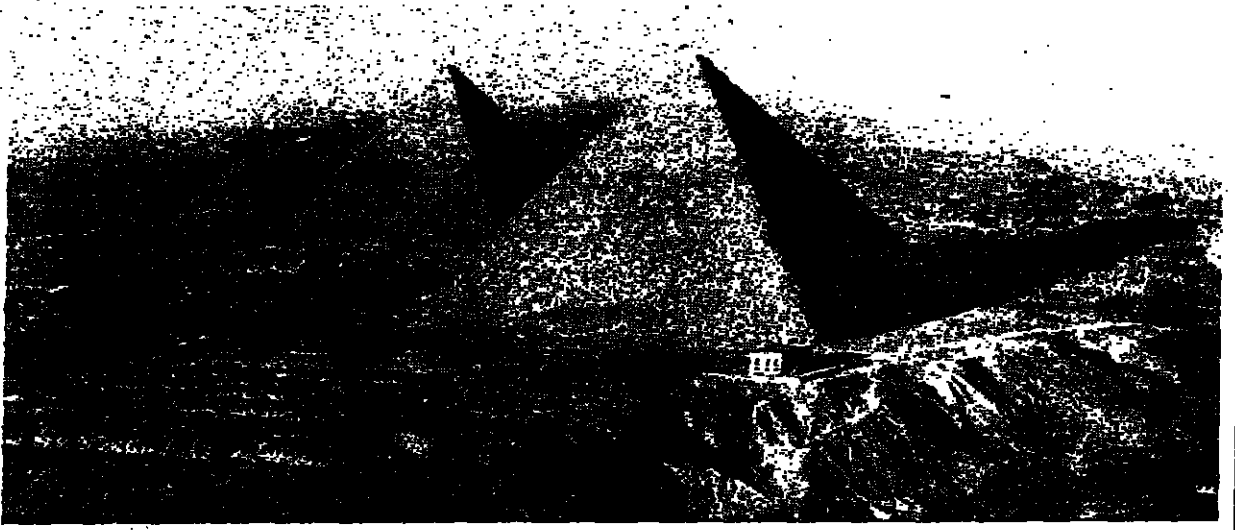
The Greek historian Herodotus has a theory that the pyramids were built with wooden cranes and ramps. People have put forth different theories, chief archaeologist Sakurai Shimura told the Associated Press. "But so far it is all guesswork."

"The only way to find out how it is done is to build one."

The project is supervised by the University of Tokyo. The project is expected to take nearly 10 weeks and require nearly 10,000 workers.

The Japanese pyramid will stand 100 metres high and measure 30 metres along its base. That would make it about one-seventh the size of the Great Pyramid of Cheops at Giza, one of the seven wonders of the world.

Selection of a pyramid site and other details are still being worked with the Egyptian government,



which has agreed in principle to the project with certain restrictions, according to Ahmad Kadry, Director of the Egyptian Department of Antiquities.

"One of the conditions is that the pyramid not be built on the horizon, in the same viewing area, as the pyramids at Giza," Kadry said.

"Another condition is that the Japanese pyramid be removed as soon as it is built and photographed."

Yoshimura said the pyramid blocks will be taken from three quarries in Cairo and Japanese scientists will experiment with ancient stone cutting methods. Wooden cranes and ramps will be built and some of the rocks will be transported by raft along the Nile River.

The estimated cost of the project, sponsored and financed by the Nippon television network corp. (NTV), is one million dollars.

Kamiko said the network plans two 90-minute specials on the project, chosen to commemorate NTV's 25th anniversary in television.

The pyramids are one of Egypt's biggest tourist attractions, and Kadry said the Japanese model would have to be built at least three miles (4.8 kms.) from the Giza pyramids.

Egyptian law also forbids digging in an area where ancient remains might exist. "We are going to give every consideration to the feelings of the Egyptians, who regard Giza as a holy place," Kadry added.

The true pyramid exists only in

Egypt, although the term has been applied to similar structures in other countries. Built by thousands of slaves over several years, the stone pyramids served as tombs for the mummified bodies of pharaohs from the old kingdom (2686-2559 B.C.).

The Cheops Pyramid, constructed in 2686 B.C., is the largest and considered finest ever erected. The practice of building pyramids died out in later dynasties.

The Egyptian government has opposed many adventurous schemes involving the pyramids, including an American expedition last May in which a troupe of gymnasts planned to perform on a trampoline atop the Cheops Pyramid.

But the Japanese archaeologists insist their project is a serious one.

Iran's arms purchase nearing a plateau

By JOE ALEX MORRIS JR.
The Los Angeles Times

TEHERAN. — In the anteroom, two officers in sharply creased khaki uniforms are busy answering the numerous telephones. Other officers, chests ablaze with ribbons, loiter, waiting for a summons from on high. Heels click sharply in the old German fashion when a senior officer walks in.

The military attaché from the American embassy emerges from the inner sanctum, briefly discusses some appointments for visiting Americans and leaves. The place seems to be a model of military efficiency.

Inside, behind an ornate desk, sits a four-star General in air force blue with five rows of ribbons on his chest. He is Hassan Tufanian. His job is to give Iran the best military machine money can buy.

Huge colour portraits of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, the Shahabnab and the Crown Prince, all in heavy gilt frames, dominate the room and obscure a bookshelf packed with such volumes as Jane's "All the World's Aircraft" and Jane's "Fighting Ships." A sign in English and Farsi, delivers a quotation from his Imperial Majesty: "I am glad there is absolutely no shadow in Iran's arms deals."

On Tufanian's desk lies a brochure from the Bell helicopter company, which whas about 2,000 Americans working here servicing, training and setting up a helicopter

production line. Bell's is the biggest single operation, in terms of manpower, in the American-Iranian arms transactions that average more than \$2,000m. per year.

It is Tufanian's job, as the Shah's right-hand man in the arms business, to supervise the spending of about twice that sum. Tufanian, the Vice-Minister for War in charge of armaments, admits that it makes for problems, but he is philosophical about it.

"Only the man in the cemetery has no problems," he says.

As a loyal officer, Tufanian has no doubts about the Shah's rush to become a regional superpower. Nor is there any public criticism here of military expenditures, which are up tenfold from the 1971 level and account for about 15 per cent of Iran's Gross National Product.

The critics are all outside Iran, people like U.S. Senator Thomas Eagleton (Democrat of Missouri) and publications like Britain's "Economist," which referred to Iran's military buildup as "extraordinarily extravagant spending."

Tufanian has no time for the critics. "We don't let anybody dictate to us," he said in an interview. "If you don't want to sell to us, we don't argue. It's not the business of any Senator or Congressman."

What seems here to be a shifting U.S. attitude toward arms sales could affect Iran's dependence on Washington for military equipment. More than half of Iran's current and projected purchases come from the

United States, with Britain, West Germany and the Soviet Union supplying much of the rest.

So far, Iran's differences with Washington on this score appear to be no more than an irritant.

Another irritant, in Tufanian's view, is the American press. He thinks it willfully distorts what is happening here.

A few dissatisfied or incompetent employees of U.S. firms here are sent home and the press seizes on them, he said.

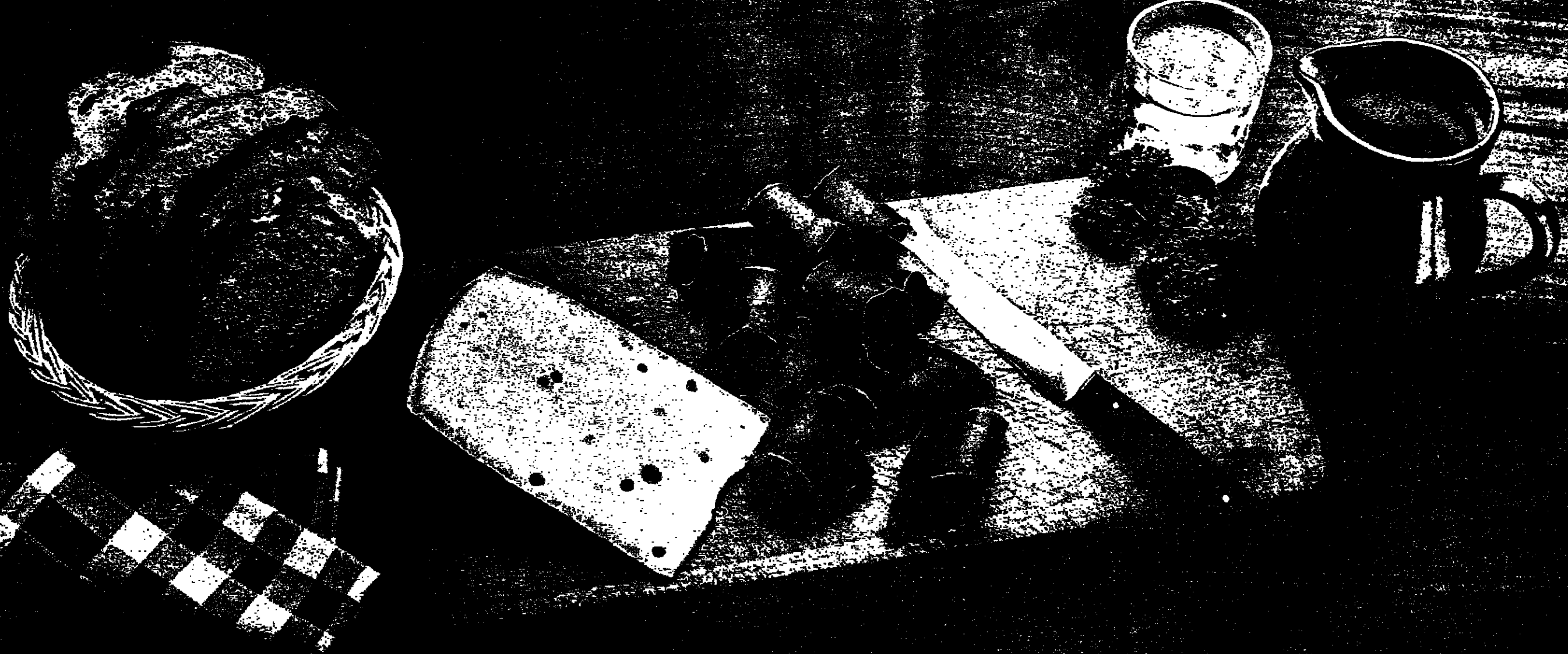
"The press always wants a story," he added, "and it listens to the two or three who were unsatisfied compared to the thousands of Americans working here who are happy."

He said he was particularly unhappy with television's Mike Wallace who, he alleged, suggested that the security situation was so bad in Iran that American children had to be escorted to school.

"What can I do with a man like this?" he asked. "Teheran is more secure than Washington. In the United States you can't carry 100 dollars in your pocket."

An estimated 15,000 Americans, including dependents, are in Iran in connection with the military programme. Tufanian emphasized that this presence — which a U.S. Senate study described last year as a potential for hostages in the event of trouble — was temporary and would end when his country filled the technological gap. The gap was slowly closing, he insisted.

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The Local Council of Tirat Carmel hereby invites contractors to submit bids for the supply and erection of electro-mechanical equipment in Tirat Carmel Pumping Station.
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Tirat Carmel Local Council

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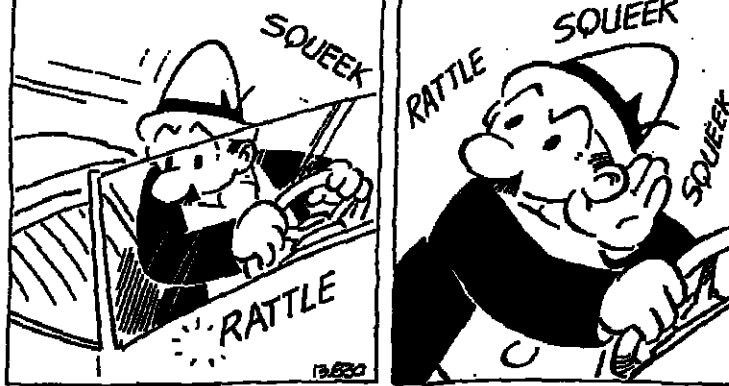
at the Young Men's Hebrew Association Upan
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TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8:30 Language and communications. 9:00 English 8, 9:20 English 6, 10:10 Literary selections, 10:30 Geometry 5, 12:10 Algebra/Geometry 8, 11:00 Literature 7, 12:20 Citizenship 7, 12:40 Language 8-9, 13:00 English 10, 13:20 Advice and Guidance 8, 13:40 Biology 9-10, 14:00 Road Safety, 16:00 Handwork, 18:15 English 9, 18:30 Art, 18:45 Thriller based on the story by Richard Connell.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17:30 Teleplay
18:00 Children Around the World
18:30 News round-up
19:00 The Flying Carpet
19:00 Documentary: Who is the biggest ape?
19:30 News and weekly magazine.
19:30 News round-up
20:00 With Youth Magazine: programme on young people living in development towns.
20:30 All in the Family: Archie the Liberal
21:00 Mahat (new series)
21:30 Second Look: programme on news background and analysis.
22:00 Thriller — Starkey and Hutch: Las Vegas Strangler (part one). With David Soul and Paul Michael Glase
22:30 Behind the Headlines: Thrice weekly magazine including interviews with personalities in the news and discussion and comparison of news coverage in different media.
23:00 Jordan TV (official): 18:30 The Waltons, 19:30 News in Hebrew, 20:00 News in Arabic, 20:30 Classic, 21:10 All You Need is Love, 22:00 News in English, 22:15 Best Sellers.

CINEMAS

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Armen: The Incredible Sarah; Edson: Girl Boss; Habraha: A Bridge too Far 6.45, 8.30; Eden: Drum; Jerusalem 7, 8.15; Mitchell: Rocky 8.45, 9.15, Wed. 8.45; The Rite; Orson: Crime Sisters; 4, 6.45, 8.15; Beat Tunny People; Semadar: Annie Hall 7, 9.15

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Alamy: Airport 77; Ben Yehuda: Stunts; Cinema One: Four Smokers; Operation Thunderbolt 10, 12, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Cinema 2: A Bridge too Far 6.45, 8.30; Rocky 8.45, 9.15; D. Doolittle 4.30, Tues. Fri. 3; Gati: Nickelodeon 4.30, 7, 9.30; Garden: Maria Valdevska; Conquest; Hedi: Tigers don't Cry; Lovers; San Gidale; Dora: In No Dream; No Return 6.45, 8.15; Maxine: The Fox from Gila; Mograbi: Rocky 4.30, 7, 9.30; Ophir: The Spy who Loved Me 4.30, 7, 9.30; Paria: 12 Chairs 10, 12.2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Peer: The Late Show 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Ramat Aviv: Obsession; Mayal: Circle of Love 10, 12, 4, 7.30, 9.30; Shalev: 3 Women 4.30, 7, 9.30; Orly: Funny People 4.30, 7.30; Orly: Save the Life Guard; Tobi: The Man who fell to Earth; Tel Aviv: Crime Sisters; Shalev: Annie Hall 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Sadeh: On Elephant on Tramps

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Amphibious: Crime Sisters; Armen: A Bridge too Far 6, 8; Assman: Amici Miei; Chet: Carre; Mifon: Girls' Confidences In and Out of Bed; Peer: Rocky 4, 6.45, 9; Orly: Save the Life Guard; Orly: The Notorious Cleopatra six non-stop parts; Orly: A Day at the Circus 6.45, 9; Nadeh: I Will, I Will, for now 6.45, 9; Peer: Funny People; Shalev: Hedda 6.45, 9

RAMAT GAN 7.15, 9.30

Armen: The Spy who Loved Me 4, 7, 9.30; Orly: Save the Life Guard; Lili: The Fortune Cookie 7, 9.30; Orly: Funny People 4, 7.15, 9.30; Ramat: My Michael; Ramat: Crime Sisters; Ramat: On Elephant on Tramps

NETANYA

David: Save the Life Guard; Thore: Nea 7.15, 9.15

PETAH TIKVA

Shalev: L'Alto on the Cruise 3.30, 7.15, 9.15 Mon. 3.30, 9.15 Indian Film at 6.15

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Esther: Funny People 4.30, 7, 9.15

The Israel National Opera

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Towards Geneva

AMERICAN officials are reported to have begun work on the details of the Geneva conference. This might well be a matter of jumping the gun for it is as yet far from certain that the Arab states are ready to accept the working paper hammered out between President Carter and Foreign Minister Dayan, or that they will refrain from insisting on revisions which would be totally unacceptable to Israel.

The audible sigh of relief with which many in Israel greeted the news of the working paper — whose terms have not yet officially been made public — would seem to be short-sighted in the extreme, although there can be little doubt that its spirit constitutes a vast improvement over the U.S.-Soviet statement earlier last week.

In considering last week's dramatic events two facts stand out, and should be emphasized as a guide to Israel's next steps.

The U.S.-Soviet statement — which many American critics justly termed an about-face in American policy and a sell-out of Israel — rather than the working paper, reflects the Carter Administration's intentions, if it could have its way.

President Carter was compelled to back down — even if only in the form of a temporary tactical retrenchment — due to the outburst of domestic opposition whose potential magnitude he and his aides completely misassessed.

On the basis of the evidence of the Administration's behaviour in the past three weeks of negotiations it would be foolhardy for Israel to entertain the belief that Washington will refrain from returning to its consistent line in the weeks remaining until Geneva II is convened, and during the conference itself.

One of the lessons to be learned from this behaviour is that the Administration can no longer be viewed — certainly not at the present stage — as a neutral third party offering its unbiased good offices for the purpose of arriving at a settlement acceptable to both Arabs and Israel.

The U.S. has its own clear-cut interests in the area and evidence has been mounting that the Carter Administration would not hesitate to impose a settlement — on Israel, not on the Arabs — commensurate with its reading of America's interests if it could get away with it.

The second lesson to be learned is that there is a potentially powerful opposition within the U.S. to such a policy.

One of the most urgent tasks confronting Israel is to harness this potential — now, and not wait for a stalemated Geneva conference, which might prove too late.

This is a delicate, but a feasible task. Mr. Dayan's decision to delay his return home by several days, to enable him to explain Israel's position to audiences in major American cities, is an indication that he is aware of what has to be done.

It should be obvious, however, that such a one-time effort is far from adequate. What is needed is an intensive and large-scale dialogue with American public opinion which will require decisions on manpower, budgets and a clarification of policy, quite beyond the efforts Israel has made in this field in the past.

This should be one of the first orders of business to be taken up by the Cabinet when it convenes this week to hear Mr. Dayan's report and to consider Israel's next steps.

From The Washington Post U.S. policy on Israel takes erratic swerve

By GEORGE F. WILL

WASHINGTON. — It is unclear whether the Carter Administration's diplomatic pressure on Israel is characterized more by recklessness or incompetence. But the latest erratic swerve of U.S. policy suggests the transformation of the United States from a reliable friend of Israel into a problem for Israel.

By collaborating with the Soviet Union, Israel's principal enemy, on a declaration of objectives for the Middle East settlement, the United States took a giant step toward imposing a settlement agreeable to Israel's enemies. The United States has undermined the Geneva conference, transformed the Russians from passive to active participants in the diplomatic process, resuscitated a terrorist organization (the Palestine Liberation Organization), hardened Arab negotiating positions, and emboldened those Arabs who say negotiations are unnecessary because, eventually, Israel's friend will sell it cheap.

The most pernicious U.S.-Soviet stipulation is for "ensuring the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people." The world (including the administration) knows the full PLO and Arab leaders know that is a catch phrase used invariably and, until now, exclusively by Arabs who insist that the PLO must define those rights. The PLO invariably does so in terms of the extinction of Israel.

President Carter, who has a strange theory of representation, says the PLO, a dictatorial cabal, represents a "substantial part" of the 3 million Palestinians. (Never mind that most of them are citizens of Jordan and other nations). Now Carter has revived and legitimized the shattered PLO.

Until 1967 the PLO could attack Israel from Gaza, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. In 1967, the PLO was expelled from Gaza. In 1970, Jordan crushed the PLO. (Jordan's army includes many Palestinians, and has killed far more PLO members than have been killed by Israeli patrols.) Syria cleared the PLO from the Golan region in 1973 and fought the PLO in Lebanon in 1976. Recently the PLO has been losing its last military base in southern Lebanon. Now the U.S. and the Russians want to compensate the PLO with a diplomatic base in Geneva.

The policy of the preceding administration, though flawed, rested on an obvious truth: The Russians should be eased out of, rather than catapulted into, a central role in the diplomatic process. The Carter Ad-

THERE IS some truth to Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neriyah's contention that the Conservative movement's claim to be no less loyal to Halacha than Orthodoxy is like calling water wine.

In Israel television's documentary programme on Conservatism on September 18, Rabbi Neriyah said it is permissible to argue that water is better than wine, but not to sell water as wine.

Halacha has a logic and method of application of its own. This system does not admit of a definition as that given by the president of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz. The movement, he writes in the Summer issue of "Judaism" magazine, sees itself "as a distinctive trend in Jewish religious life, one which encouraged modification of traditional observances while respecting the need for historic continuity, and unified by a consensus to yield in areas regarded as unessential while holding fast to the essential."

Halacha defined itself and continues to define itself in a certain way. One may reject Halacha and at the same time define oneself in a rather loose, relativistic way in which Rabbi Rabinowitz and other Conservative leaders define their movement.

Halacha also allows for what Rabbi Rabinowitz calls "modification of traditional observances." It has in fact "modified" many. It has even in effect repealed some clearly stated laws of the Torah and some of its own time-honoured regulations. A famous example is Hillel's formula for evading the *shmitta* (sabbatical year) laws concerning the remission of debts.

Sometimes Halacha does not merely permit or accept the modification of observances but commands it. Where life is at stake, for example — the life of the individual or of the community — the laws of Yom Kippur or *kashrut* may not, may be violated. As a matter of fact, in an instance where the laws are suspended, and the "violation" is not considered a violation. By no stretch of the imagination or definition, however, does Halacha systematically "encourage" modifications.

Halacha does not concern itself with "respecting the need for historic continuity." Indeed it probably is not even aware of this concept as we today see it. What Halacha is concerned with is the maintenance of its concept of "historic continuity" — that is the Jewish people shall continue to observe God's laws as revealed at Sinai; and that we "shall live by them." The latter

THE MEANING AND MISSION OF HALACHA

Halacha cannot be modified according to momentary convenience, as Conservative and Reform leaders would allow, but neither, says MOSHE KOHN, must it be prevented from working on the whole range of Jewish life, as spokesmen of Orthodoxy would have it.

passage in Leviticus 18:5 is seen not only as an injunction to obey those laws but also as a warrant for "modifying" them under certain circumstances.

IN HALACHA, too, human consensus is important, and sometimes it even overrules God Himself. There is, for example, the story in Bava Metzia 59b of Rabbi Eliezer's confrontation with his colleagues.

"They overruled him in a certain matter, notwithstanding that his rulings were generally regarded as final. At his call, nature performed a series of wonders to prove that he was right. But his colleagues would not relent. Finally, he called on Heaven to support him, and when it did so Rabbi Yehoshua declared: 'It (the Torah) is not in Heaven' (Deuteronomy 30:12)." And Rabbi Yirmiah added: "We do not consider voices from Heaven, for at Sinai the Torah was given to us, and it says (Exodus 23:2): 'Follow the ruling of the majority.'"

Let us be told, Rabbi Nathan met Eliah, who reported that when the above happened, God smiled and said: "My children have vanquished Me, My children have vanquished Me."

Conservative, Reform and other non-Orthodox Jews demanding their "majority rights" sometimes quote this story, especially the passage from Exodus, in support. They forget one fundamental thing. For Rabbi Eliezer, Yehoshua and Yirmiah, for all their colleagues, and for their disciples down the generations, "God," "Sinai," "Torah," etc. are not parables, allegories or metaphors, not "great literature," but living beings, events and words, in a rather fundamentalist way, all integrated into one great, Divinely inspired organic whole.

When those Sages "modified" Torah and Halacha, they did so not according to momentary convenience or passing intellectual or aesthetic whims concerning what is "essen-

Shammai-Hillel disputes. No look at the entire story: Rabbi Abba said in a name: For three years the Shammai and the School of Hillel were at odds with each other. Finally, a Heavenly voice came: "The words of Hillel are according to the School of the Talmud then. Ask words of both are the way living God, how did the Hillel earn the privilege of his rulings become the law followed? Because, the answers, the Hillelites were with people, and when they discussed a case gave careful consideration arguments of the Shammai the texts they adduced in Furthermore, the Talmud Hillelites considered the of the Shammaiites but siding their own.

In how many of these real the main spokesmen of our establishment complex circles of Hillel?

Furthermore, this is not question of temperament or style. By remaining almost fastly silent on the burnt and ethical issues; by not the Halacha to work as if of working on the whole problems of Jewish life with the ramifications for living of contemporary and of the fact of Jewish ing and sovereignty after tures of dispersion and s by remaining defiantly righteously aloof instead cting life, the spoke Orthodoxy are implying no answers to these prob-

The Jewish people will survive, this Orthodoxy u order to survive, it is not Orthodoxy to declare Orthodoxy is wrong; it, and foremost show, by act style, that Orthodoxy Otherwise, it will turn it perturbed sect, into a new

ARYE DULZEN, Jewish Treasurer and apparent Executive Chairman, as remark on that te programme that warrants He said that if the Conserv as they claim, the majority let them come to Israel as win their rightful place having others to their t them. Indeed, let the even Israel and be School of Hillel laying do for Jewry. But then, of will be our Orthodoxy...

READERS' LETTERS

DISASTROUS INFORMATION POLICY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In the article by David Landau on the conflict between Shmuel Katz and the Foreign Ministry over foreign information policy (September 16), it is said that top officials of the Foreign Ministry told Dayan that "80 per cent of the work of our embassies and consulates is information." In that event, there is an obvious place for a budget cut in the new government: cut out 80 per cent of the Foreign Ministry's budget, for the information job that has been done might as well not have been done at all.

Moreover, it is sad to relate that in so far as he seeks to influence public opinion in this country, Mr. Dayan is pursuing the proven recipe to disaster followed by the previous government. On national television today (September 25), he told the American people that the Arab

ISRAEL'S POINT OF VIEW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — As a non-Jew and Christian I would like to say how much I enjoy receiving the JP. It's the only way that I have really of regarding Israel's point of view regarding the Middle East situation.

The Arab propaganda machinery is very well oiled, and to be honest, very little is done to inform the non-Jewish world of Israel's side of the story. I only found out the "truth" because I have Israeli friends. Because I have Israeli friends, I was put in touch with somebody from your embassy here who gave me literature to read about the history of the Middle East situation.

And thank you for what Israel is doing for the Lebanese Christians.

VALERIE SHALEY
London.

REDEEMING ISRAEL BONDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — U.S. citizens who come on ally have the right to retain foreign currency accounts for 10 years and to use them as they see fit. They may therefore purchase Israel Bonds in America and either hold or exchange them for pounds if they wish. However, only as tourists may people exchange these bonds here for pounds beyond the sum of \$1000 a year, unless the bonds are in their name.

As you undoubtedly know, there is a secondary market for Israel Bonds in America, and this can sometimes purchase them at a discount. It certainly would be more advantageous for the Government to permit unlimited, or at least a higher limit than \$1000 a year of legal exchange of these discounted bonds, than to have people either use the black market or, as many immigrants do, have visiting friends make the exchange for them. Why encourage trying to "outwit" the Government by regulations which actually hurt the Government even in the short run?

I'm sure if bond purchasers in America could be sure of only forfeiting a small amount (sometimes it's as high as 15 per cent when the secondary market is slow), they would purchase even more bonds, and if the Treasury would change this peculiar regulation, the market for discounted bonds would be a lot livelier and they would stimulate the sale of new

REFORM AND THE TALIT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It is not clear to this writer whether the statement "Reform Jews dispense with prayer shawls altogether" (Italics are the writer's), is to be attributed to Malka Rabinowitz, your correspondent, who wrote the article "Talit for the young generation" (September 16), or to Mr. Gross whom apparently she interviewed for the story. In any case the statement is erroneous.

The fact is that there are some Reform congregations in America where the rabbi, cantor and the male worshippers wear the *talit*. There are also hundreds of congregations affiliated with the Reform Union of American Hebrew Congregations in which the rabbi and the cantor wear either a stole-like prayer shawl or the traditional *talit*, with the male worshippers free to do so, if they choose. In the Progressive congregations in Israel (as all Reform congregations are called here), all the rabbis, cantors and their male worshippers may wear the *talit* for prayers, and I may add that no one would prevent the women from doing so also if they wanted to. In other countries, not including America, of which I have already written, I found some Reform congregations where the *talit* is used. If any Israel is desirous of seeing how fully traditional young Reform Americans and Sabra Jews can be, let him visit their new settlement at Ketura.

The above-mentioned erroneous statement is of a piece with other misleading generalizations about Reform Jews. What those who defame Reform Jews as being less Jews or no Jews at all must learn is that one of the basic principles of Reform is the right of the individual Jew to freedom of choice as to what practices he engages in. There is no *Shulchan Aruch* in Reform which dictates to its adherents what they must or must not do, or suffer possible excommunication from the community for failure to abide by the rules.

A Guide for Reform Jewish Practice will soon be published by the Reform Central Conference of American Rabbis to help Reform Jews to know what are the traditional and modified traditional

DISTRESSING OCCURRENCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was chagrined to read of the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Shiriki and their photograph by the Ministry of Absorption clerks "at work" in their Beerseba offices (September 20).

To my knowledge, photography is not a crime and if, under the law, it could be called an invasion of privacy in this public office, then they should be sued in a civil court, but not arrested and fingerprinted like criminals. Moreover, I was flabbergasted by the confiscation of their film. Such a thing should not happen in a free, democratic country.

MOSHE NOVICK
Atilit.

FOR A BETTER LIFE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I refer to the letter of M. Pogorelsky (September 18), in which he criticized Martha Meisels for writing about California. He seems to be so impressed that he can't wait to emigrate. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. For as many people thought that the streets of America were paved with gold and all you had to do was bend down and pick it up.

Yes, it is true that all the things M. Pogorelsky criticizes are bad here, but it's our home and it's up to us to make it better. You don't solve problems by running away from them.

There is nothing wrong with Martha Meisels writing about life in California. We can read it, enjoy it and dream that someday we too may have such a life here. Then it is up to us to work to make it so.


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